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## Comment Of The Day

Giving

THE Russian refugees' presentation of a cheque for \$1,400 for Chinese refugees yesterday must rate as one of the most heart-warming gestures of goodwill that Hongkong has witnessed in many years. Here are people, themselves dispossessed and displaced, who have been living for years in the shabbiest of circumstances, owing little and owing nothing to this stopover city, awaiting transport to a new life. But their own plight comes second to those who are worse off. This is selflessness of a rare order.

There was another striking and tender act of thoughtfulness last month when a small Hongkong girl had a birthday party — to which she invited not her friends but a number of poor children who lived nearby. There is a distinction to be made between gestures like these and the general run of charitable giving. The more familiar type of charity in Hongkong is the customary handout — a dollar on flag days, five dollars in the hat for the retiring liftdriver and the occasional cheque to a "worthy institution".

CHRISTMAS giving falls into a similar category. The great bulk of personal giving is, misdirected. It follows custom and invariably gifts go to those — particularly children — who have more than enough of everything. And while it is essentially a season of the year most enjoyed and best used by the young, it is worth inculcating in them the idea that it is the personal effort of giving that makes for the most widespread happiness. Many churches — and probably charitable institutions too — have a scheme at Christmas whereby children bring gifts for distribution to the poor. It makes no difference whether they are last year's toys or newly-bought, but the greatest sense of giving is to be gained only by passing on something that is treasured — like the Russian refugees who gave up what they needed, and the small Hongkong girl, who gave up the party she preferred.

FRANCE 'NORMALISES' ADMINISTRATIVE SITUATION IN ALGIERS

## GEN. SALAN REPLACED

### New Post Created For Soldier

Paris, Dec. 12.

**Gen. Raoul Salan, long-time Supreme Commander in rebellion-torn Algeria and one of the leading figures in the May revolt that toppled the Fourth Republic, was replaced tonight on the orders of Gen. Charles de Gaulle.**

In his place de Gaulle assigned a civilian, Paul de Lourier, 43, the former Financial Director of the European coal-steel Pool.

Salan, a five-star General and the most decorated soldier in the French Army, had held all civilian and military powers in Algiers since shortly after the coup of May 13 that swept de Gaulle into power.

#### The Decision

The decision to replace Salan as Algerian Supreme Commander had been decided by de Gaulle some time before.

But the official announcement was not made until after today's cabinet meeting.

The General was named to the post of Inspector-General of the Armies, a job that was specially created for him in Paris.

His military duties will be taken over by his former aide, a danger-loving former resistance hero, Air Force Gen. Maurice Challe. Challe is a long-time admirer of Gen. de Gaulle.

The decision by the French cabinet today was in order to "normalise" the administrative situation in Algiers.

#### Caught In Middle

Under the Fourth Republic, a Paris-appointed Governor-General held all civilian powers. But there has been no Governor-General in Algeria since May 13, and Salan has held both civilian and military powers in his hands.

The decision to take Gen. Salan out of Algeria brought to a halt his career in a country that has been torn by rebellion for more than four years.

He was caught right in the middle in the violent conflict of French nationalism last May 13 when "Public Safety Committee" took over in Algeria and

the new U.P.I. to defend himself.

## Dulles Attacks Soviet Govt

Washington, Dec. 12. Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, said in a statement today just before leaving for talks on Germany with the other Western Foreign Ministers in Paris that the Soviet rulers were showing a "contemptuous disregard" of their pledged word.

## ADENAUER & BRANDT BURY THE HATCHET

Bonn, Dec. 12. Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, and Herr Willy Brandt, Social Democrat Mayor of West Berlin, buried the hatchet today in talks on the future of Berlin.

They clashed publicly last week on the right attitude to Russia's proposal to end four-power rule of the city.

Dr Adenauer in his election-eve visit to Berlin had no private conversation with Herr Brandt, and recriminations between their parties followed.

Tonight a communiqué after their talk said it was agreed to regard "questions discussed in the past few days in regard to the visit of the Federal Chancellor to Berlin as settled."

Galeazzo Lisi was present to defend himself — U.P.I.

## RAN HIS HOME ON 'BARRACK SQUARE' LINES

London, Dec. 12. LESLIE Munday, 46-year-old former regular Army sergeant, ran his home on "barrack square" lines after demobilisation, the London Divorce Court was told today.

The judge said Munday drew up what he called a

"schedule of duty" for the household chores for his wife and four sons and insisted on its being followed.

When his "active service" was disobeyed, the husband admitted punching his sons and also his wife, 41-year-old Lillian.

He was also alleged to have refused to eat at home, to take out the electric plugs to leave the wife without light, to have taken away her clothes, locked up the house to prevent her getting in and once to have removed her bedroom door.

Mrs Munday was granted a decree nisi on the grounds of cruelty. Her husband's cross-petition alleging cruelty and adultery, both of which were denied, was dismissed.

The wife was given custody of the one son under 16 years of age.

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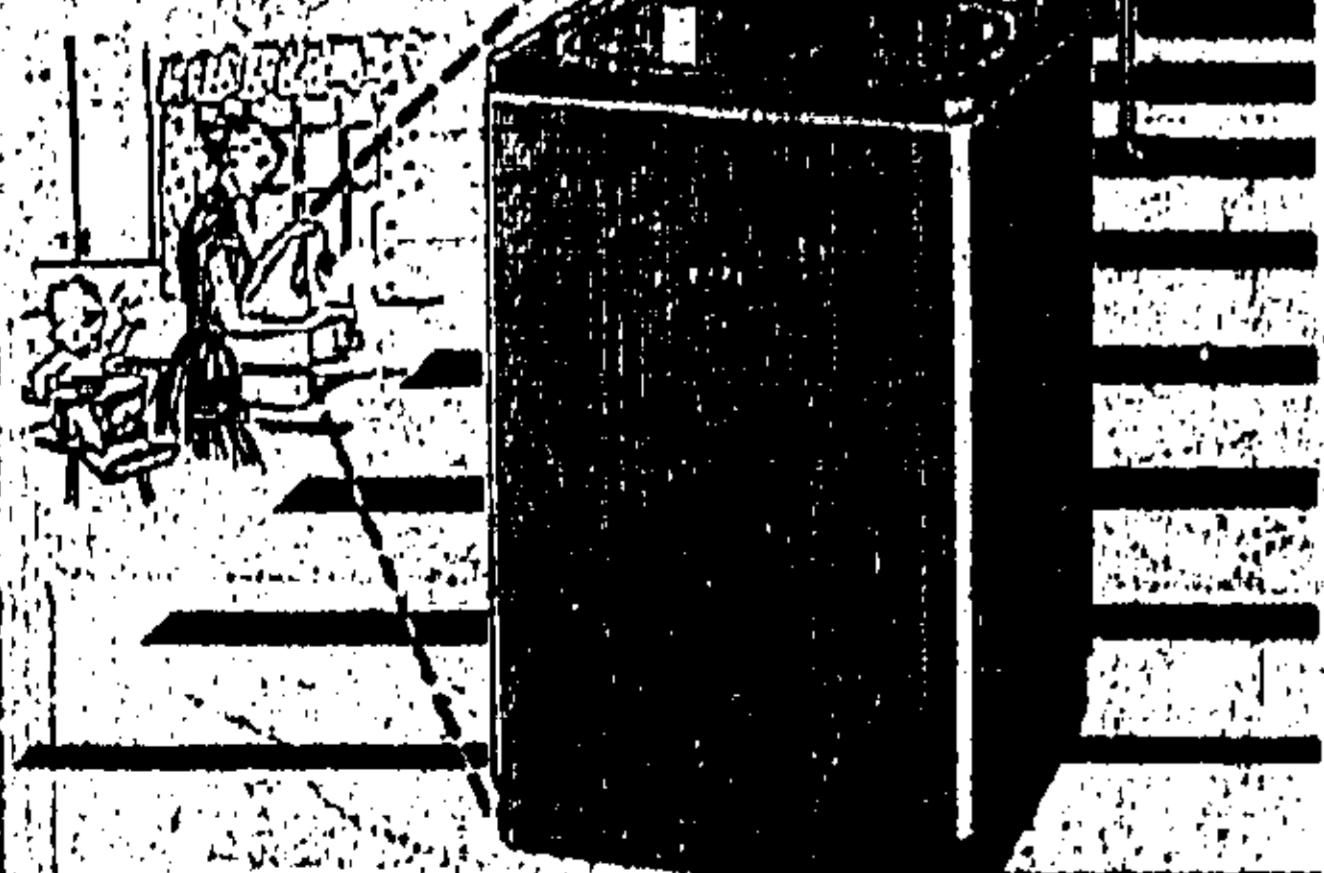
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## FILMS

CURRENT & COMING  
by ANTHONY FULLER

CHRISTMAS falls half-way through the week, that is the trouble this year. If only we could arrange for Christmas to fall on Saturday and Sunday, there would be less doubt as to what would be showing this weekend. However, let us take a look at what will be showing over the Christmas holidays.

The Roxy and the Broadway are relying on the 20th Century-Fox British comedy, "The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw."

This is a Western to end all westerns. Somebody had to do it, and when you come to think that Hollywood is really the home of the western, it is strange that Fox went to England to make it. Those of you who can remember Charles Laughton in "Ruggles of the Red Gap," will be reminded in somewhat of that old classic, when you see Ken More as the reluctant but conscientious Sheriff of Fractured Jaw.

He is the perfect Englishman. The living symbol of Gilbert's "He is an Englishman."

Look for the scene when he goes down to Jayne Mansfield, the manageress of the Honky-Tonk where he is staying, where the whisky's like prusiate oil, and the boys use crow bars for tooth-picks, and tells her in refined English tones that he must have a little more quiet as he is unable to sleep.

The film skirts every aspect of the Western, from the fast draw to the bar room brawl, and Ken More comes out on top. I think it is Henry Hull—he by the way, puts in a nice performance as the Mayor of Fractured Jaw—who says, "There is a guardian angel who looks after fools and Englishmen."

I'd say this delicious comedy, with its warm overtones of rich sentiment will mix very nicely with the milder gags and old brandy.

MGM along with the Hoover

and Paramount are relying on a

Western melodrama, "The Badlanders." This is an action-packed outdoor story of the early west, but you could not say it has been done quite this way before.

The King's and Princess are showing Paramount's farcical "Rock-a-Bye Baby," with Jerry Lewis taking over the "Mother of the year role." This kind of humour is more American in appeal, and while it is extremely well done, to see a chap so soft as to attend baby classes with a lot of women, and graduate B.A. at powdering babies' bottoms is a bit too feeble for me.

On the other hand, Lewis, with his slot on Commercial TV, and one or two gags concerned with film takes, are among the cream of their kind.

You know Lewis; you know his kind of gags, and it's really funny for most of the people all the time.

The Star and the Metropole are the only two theatres playing absolutely straight drama. They are putting on Universal International's "Raw Wind Over Eden," which brings back Esther Williams and Jeff Chandler, co-starring Rossana Podesta.

The Lee and Astor tell me they are going to rely on Norman Wisdom in the J. Arthur Rank comedy, "The Square Peg."

I was on the set when this film was made. I told Norman Wisdom that his, "Just My Luck," broke Hong Kong box office records when his film opened up the Astor

This is a really funny film in the Wisdom tradition, and with a bit more publicity, Wisdom and a few others would be international stars. As it is, I think seem to favour making international stars from import- ed actors. The ways of the film studio are beyond understanding.

At any rate, Norman Wisdom is a likable star, really clever, and modest with success, and "The Square Peg," is delicious fun to put alongside the crackers and old ale.

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"CIRCUS Actors," The

very fine Russian documentary, which is held over at the Star and Metropole, portrays a side of Russian life we forgot in the hundred business of politics and space rockets.

This film, although presented with considerable national pride, tells us something we already know that Russia under every form of Government, has always contributed to the entertainment world outstanding artists in every sphere of art and enter- tainment.

In the Circus, there is nothing lacking. To pick out the parts I think worth watching would take the whole of this page, so let us divide the film into three parts, and take them one at a time.

First, the script. The aim of the film is to present the Circus as a whole and to achieve continuity. This is left to the camera, as it should be, and by careful tracking, the film follows the changes in following the artist from dressing room and then to his home, or vice versa.

Second, the film as a whole. Because of its superb photo- graphy and unique camera angles plus the colour, it stands as one of the best full length documentaries ever made.

My own choice is the bear scenes. How you teach bears to ride on roller skates, pedal cycles, and then motor cycles, is

beyond my ken. A bit of an animal trainer myself, I finish up at the point where my dog brings up the newspaper; these people who can get animals to perform these tricks must have an extra sense.

The clown business got me too. I have always understood that the superb clown is the supreme artist. This film does not prove it.

To see him working out an act on his study table, and to be taken into the circus ring to see it come to life is a day. Now I find that lions are no better than men, and that although they have a faithful and ever loving wife, they like to play around a bit.

Also I find that calling the lion the king of beasts is a phonier build up. The lion is no better off in his home than his husband are. Mrs. Lion is as shrewish as any other housewife. The lion has to wipe his feet, take his turn at the dinner table, and he dare not go into the bedroom without Mrs. Lion's permission.

King of the beasts indeed; he's like every other married man!

The real bear is Madam Lion. The film shows her as not only the boss of the family, but the provider too. There the lion is one up on the human male.

The scenery, the vivid visual lesson of the jungle law, kill or die, is at once overpowering, and terrifying in its realistic portrayal.

The dust storms, the locust swarms, and the arrival of the tropical storm to restore the countryside and bring about the equilibrium of Nature's film.

In their 32 months' safari, the Millettes lived as closely among the lions as is possible. The equilibrium of Nature's film.

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ROXY &amp; BROADWAY: "The African Lion," Walt Disney, dis- tributed by Rankin, is a roaring success at the Roxy, and is to continue another weekend.

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HOOVER &amp; PARAMOUNT: "The Three Musketeers." A revival of Alexandre Dumas' immortal drama made into a film. Filmedoors will recall that this film made history the first time out, and is worth going the rounds the second time.

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CHRISTMAS FILMS

KING'S &amp; PRINCESS: "Rock-a-Bye Baby," Jerry Lewis as someone who carries a torch and three babies. Farcical beyond words yet extremely clever in production. Lavish colour.

ROXY &amp; BROADWAY: "The African Lion," Walt Disney's on the spot film of lions in their natural surroundings, together with their neighbours. Informative, interesting, exciting, and beautiful. A film the whole family can see with interest.

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LEE &amp; ASTOR: "The Square Peg," Norman Wisdom's latest comedy specially

BROADWAY: "The Badlanders," Alan Ladd and Ernest Borgnine in a melodrama of the early West. Filmed in CinemaScope and Metrocolor, it is an entertaining film with some top moments of suspense. Characterisation, very good. Plot, a twist to justify calling it original. Brutal in parts with a touch of romance. Good entertainment all round. Also, Katy Jurado; Claire Kelly; Reginald Gardiner; Baccione; and Connie Stevens.

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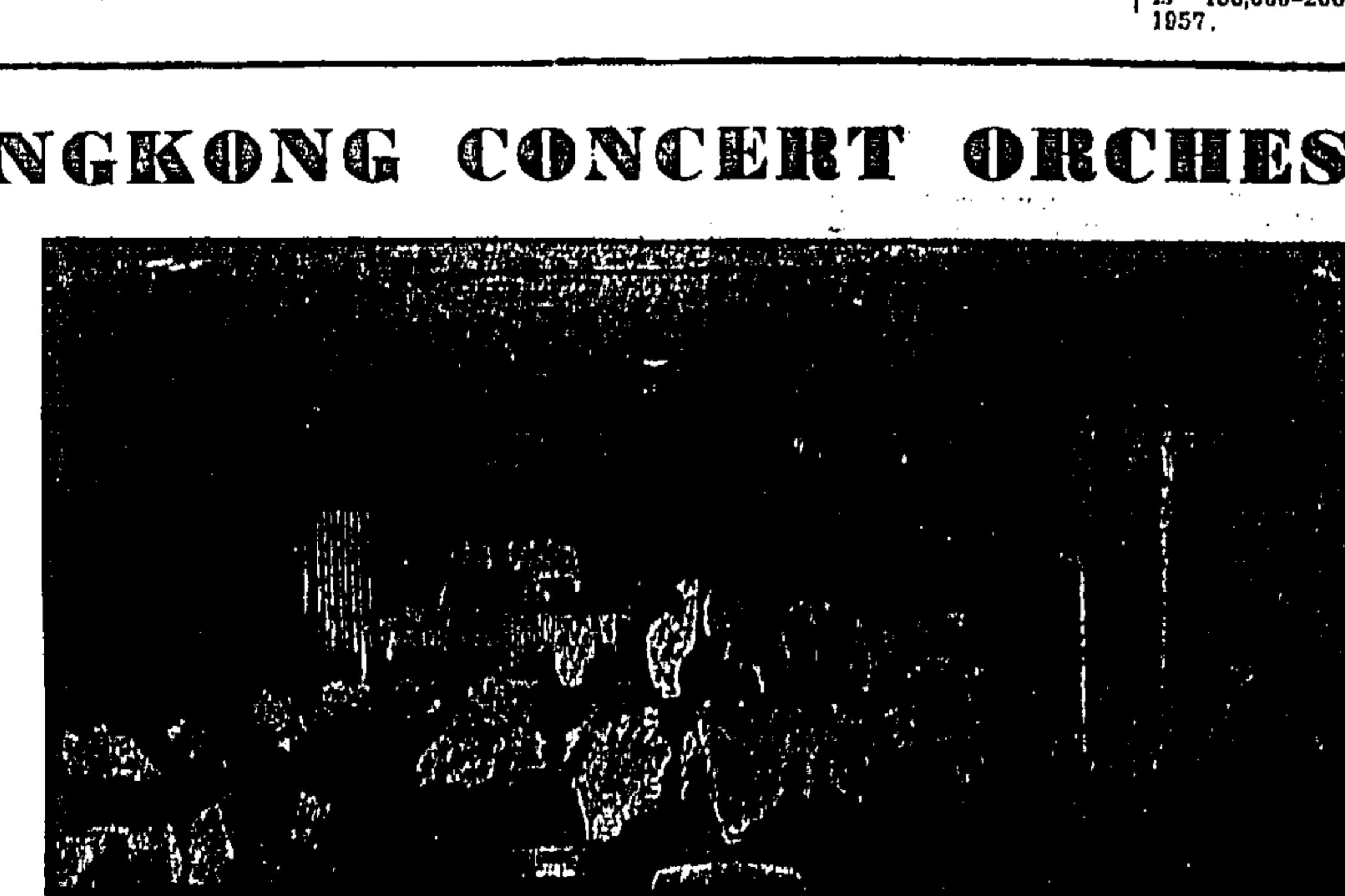
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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SATURDAY "MAIL" FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH NEWS DESK

# Fussy Britons Eating Better The Trend Is Quality Not Quantity

BRITAIN'S standard of eating in the past five years has not only "substantially improved" but people are also becoming more particular about WHAT they eat.

That is the Treasury's verdict given in its monthly Bulletin for Industry last week.

The statistics are for the period between 1953, when rationing ended, and 1957.

During those five years the percentage changes in average weekly consumption for each person of the main foods were: Up: Butter, 51; canned fruits, etc, 44; sugar, 30; cereals, meat, 18; cheese, 16; eggs, 11. Down: Preserves, 30; bread, 17; flour, 11; potatoes, 9.

Relatively stable: Tea and other beverages; cakes and biscuits; all other meat; liquid milk; bacon and ham; vegetables (excluding potatoes); fresh fruit; margarine; and fish.

**THE REASON**

The spectacular rise in butter says the Bulletin, was continuous.

Another striking contrast is between fresh fruit and canned (and bottled) fruit.

This is a reflection of the growing preference for labour-saving foods.

The fall in the amount of bread and potatoes eaten, says the Treasury, is long-term trend normally associated with rising living standards in any advanced country. But it was not fully apparent in Britain until controls were lifted.

Between 1953 and last year the average weekly expenditure for each person on food rose by 24 p.c., from £1 2s. 8d. to £1 18s. 1d.

Prices went up on average by about 17 p.c., so there was a "real" increase in food purchases of about 8 p.c.

**NEW TREND**

Last year this rate of increase declined to only about 14 p.c.

The Treasury has an explanation for this too.

It may possibly be, says its Bulletin, the beginning of a new trend with people putting less emphasis on the quantity they eat and more on improvements in quality and service.

Housewives, writes John Winter, will have to use more imported potatoes than last year, and prices are likely to continue high throughout winter and spring. The home-grown crop is 150,000-200,000 tons below

1957.

## The Wandering Well-Stuffed Old Safe

A wandering, well-stuffed safe was back where it started — complete with the £100,000 worth of jewellery and plate found inside it.

Frank Offord, a London businessman, returned the safe to a firm of auctioneers after being "faced with the prospect of a lawsuit."

Offord got the safe — supposedly a worthless relic no one could open — from a former employee. He bought it for 30/-.

### AUCTIONEERS

The former employee got it from the firm of auctioneers as a tip after he did some work for them.

But when Offord got the safe open and found it stuffed with jewellery and gold and silver plate, the auctioneering firm said it was taken in error and that another safe was intended as the tip.

When they threatened to go to court to get the safe and contents back, "I decided to give them up," Offord said.

U.P.I.

London. THE famed O'Donnell pearls came out of their hiding place last week for the first time in 30 years, but they proved just as much a mystery as ever.

The pearls, reputed to be priceless, were taken from the vaults of the Bank of England for showing to the Spanish Duke of Tetuan, whose late wife was a descendant of the ancient O'Donnell family of Ireland, owners of the pearls.

The pearls, each about the size of a man's thumbnail, for years have been a mystery to experts. One expert on fossils and shells, Dr. L. R. Cox, who was on hand to see them last week, confessed himself baffled as to their origin.

"They are quite unlike any fossil or shell we know today," Cox said. Cox had also inspected them at the last airing, 30 years ago.

But Chapman was not surprised. He said the pearls are "live" specimens, not fossils, dating from the Miocene Age, millions of years ago.

"They are the only specimens of their kind in the world," he said. —U.P.I.

A RETIRED San Francisco contractor left for home after finding his brother by looking him up in a London telephone directory and ending a 46-year separation.

William Falbey, 65, joined his brother Christopher, 61, in London last August and invited him and his family to move to California to live.

Falbey said his granddaughter had called the San Francisco library in June to see if they had any Falbeys listed in the London telephone directory.

"They said there was one, A.C. Falbey," he said. "It was only a chance, but I wrote anyway because I hadn't heard of my brother for 46 years."

The granddaughter's hunch paid off.

The brothers are the two survivors of eight children born in Tralee, Erin. Both were ap-

prenticed in the building trade and both left home at an early age.

Mrs William Falbey said her husband "couldn't wait until he saw his brother. There was nothing to do but pull up and make a tip here," she said.

Christopher Falbey said when he received the letter from his brother in San Francisco, "it gave me the jitters."

"I didn't know anyone was left of the family," he said.

Mrs Christopher Falbey said she and her husband and three of their five children were preparing to immigrate to California. —U.P.I.

## 'El Nino' The Austin Was Falling To Pieces

London. LOVELY Vera Fusok, 26, year-old actress, fell in love with a 1930 Austin Car last September, and bought it for £15.

A few weeks later, an Eastbourne policeman noticed the car — nicknamed El Nino — when Vera had parked it outside the theatre where she was playing.

After pointing out a number of illegal defects in El Nino, he said, "If I were you, Miss, I'd put a match to it."

**'I Broke Down'**

She got a summons, and because she was rehearsing another play she couldn't get to court, so pleaded guilty in a letter in which she said:

"After the police had told me that the car was absolutely no good, I broke down and wept. I love that car very much and I did not know it was in such bad shape."

The Eastbourne magistrates smiled at the letter, but fined Vera £5.

Vera had to get rid of the car — the first she ever owned — and buy another. Now she owns a 1928 Austin. —U.P.I.

## Santa Was Called A 'Cheapskate'

Stillwater, Okla. Santa arrived here the other day but the small fry were less than enchanted.

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ABOVE: Judy Grinham, 19-year-old British schoolgirl swimming champion (she holds the world's backstroke record over 100 metres) went to Euston studios recently to take a screen test. Result of the test, which ate up 2,000 ft. of colour film, will decide whether Judy becomes a starlet with a big-money, seven-year contract, or whether a bit part in just one film will be her consolation prize.

RIGHT: Two pony-tailed teenagers got together recently on that old, old problem - how to keep a husband happy. The girls are pictured here: 14-year-old Mrs Barbara Scruggs, left, America's youngest bride, who arrived recently in Britain to join her American sailor husband Bill, and 15-year-old Joan Eggett, Britain's youngest bride-to-be.



ABOVE: Former British Premier Sir Anthony Eden, who is to spend part of the winter in Mexico on medical advice, came to London recently for an inoculation. He and Lady Eden also had lunch with Sir Winston and Lady Churchill in Sir Winston's London residence. Seen pictured on the steps of Sir Winston's home are: (from left) Sir Winston, Lady Churchill, Sir Anthony and Lady Eden.

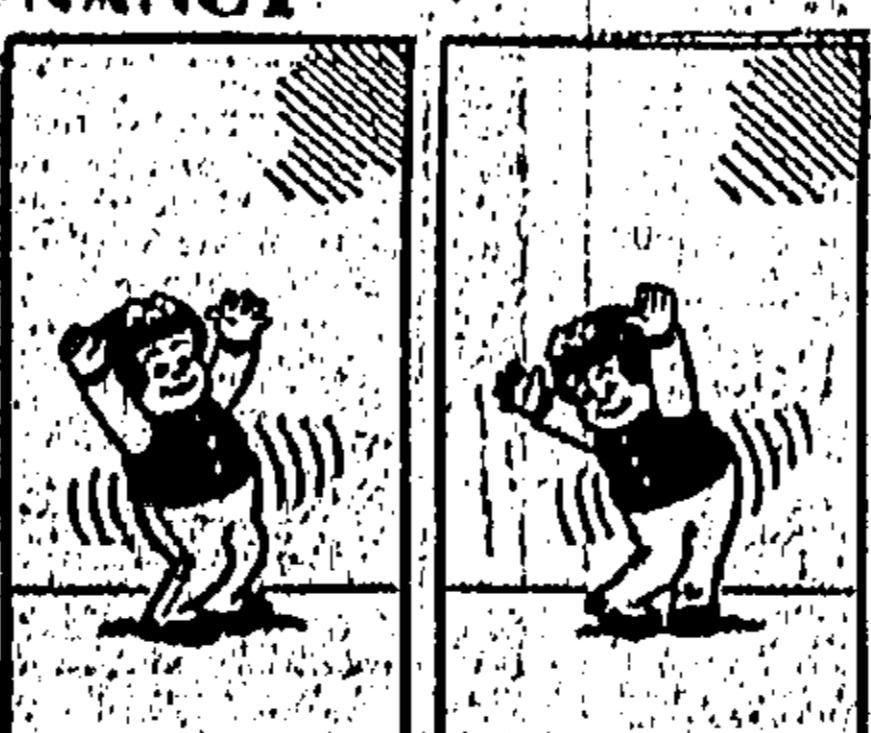
BELOW: British publisher Gordon White, once described as the "35-year-old darling of international society," was married in London recently to 22-year-old Elizabeth Kolen, daughter of the Swedish Ambassador to Venezuela. Miss Kolen and Mr White met in Cannes last summer. Mr White had previously been the escort of Marilyn Monroe, Grace Kelly, Ava Gardner, Susan Hayward and Kay Kendall.



ABOVE: Princess Alexandra went recently to the London charity premiere of the film comedy "The Square Peg," which stars Norman Wisdom. The princess is seen talking to Norman and his wife at the premiere. On left may be seen John Davis, chief of the Rank film organisation, and his wife, former actress Dinah Sheridan. Reason for Norman's old-fashioned get-out: he is currently playing in the stage show "Where's Charley?" a musical version of "Charley's Aunt," and he had to dash straight from the premiere to curtain-up - which left him no time to change.



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## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE BEST THIS CHRISTMAS?



JAYNE MANSFIELD AND DAUGHTER JAYNE MARIE



SIR MILES THOMAS

If you could have anything in the world for Christmas, what would you choose? And where would you spend Christmas?

Eight internationally-known personalities were asked these questions. Their answers were surprising.

**BERYL GREY.** The scene to be the wrong price, or famous ballerina, the only British dancer ever to perform with the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow, is Mrs Svend Svendson in private life, the wife of a Swedish doctor.

"I would love to spend Christmas with my in-laws in Sweden," Miss Grey said. "I have always wanted to see a real Swedish Christmas, but somehow I've always been unable to get there—sometimes because I'm dancing abroad, or on tour."

"In Sweden they celebrate Christmas in a really big way. You have a huge dinner on Christmas Eve, and they all go to the church through the snow on 'heights'—my small son Ingvard would just love that."

Will Miss Grey manage to spend Christmas 1958 in Sweden?

"I live in hope," she said.

What would Miss Grey like best of all for a Christmas present?

"I'd like a little house near the sea on the English South Coast," she said. "We've been searching for one for ages, but it always

"What I'd like to do is to charter the liner and put all my friends on board as passengers—including a member of the crew, Dick Caplion, who taught me all I knew. I'd take the family along, too, and Anne of course (Anne Donaghue, the 21-year-old actress to whom Tommy is engaged).

"Around Christmas time I reckon we'd be somewhere in the South Seas, but I'd still have the turkey and Christmas pudding and all the trimmings. Christmas wouldn't be quite the same without them."

**JAYNE MANSFIELD'S** choice was completely out of character:

"What I'd like to do is to have a little party for my people over, and I'll cook the turkey."

"Last Christmas, Mike (Mike Hargity, her husband) and I were touring the Far East. We spent Christmas Eve in Korea. This year we're in Korea. This is the first Christmas I want to have all the family at home."

"Last year I had two Christmases," said **JAYNE-MARIE SHEILD**. "The man I'm now, Hollywood 'Mummy' was

just don't know what you are talking about when you mention them. But here in London it is different. My chauffeur knows a lady who makes the most wonderful Cornish pasties, and he brings me along some from time to time."

Jayne was emphatic about where she wanted to spend this Christmas.

away at Christmas time, but when she comes back we had Christmas all over again."

Pat, who lives in a Gloucestershire village where she is not jumping her way round Europe, says that she has little hope of getting her ideal present, but that there is nothing like knowing what she wants.

Pat says she would like to have a n' Christmas present.

"A prancing white charger," said Jayne Junior promptly. "Like one of those lovely horses they have at the changing of the guard at Whitehall. I used to have a little pony, but we had to sell her as I wasn't around to ride her very much. I'm hoping Mummy will buy me another one soon."

\* A savoury pastry.

A girl who has made horses her career, **PAT SMYTHE**, is like a new home for them for her Christmas present.

"I'd like to be given a little estate with a charming house, and excellent stables," says Pat. "I'd like a lovely garden with swimming pool and a tennis court, and also a large barn which could be made into an indoor school for horses, and plenty of good paddocks, with safe fences, for grazing, and a flat field with springy turf for a jumping area."

What would Pat like for a present?

"Although domestically we are very happily placed, my idea of Christmas present would be a

kitchen furnished with all the latest labour-saving devices, and engineered so that, by time and motion methods, the minimum human exertion would be required to operate it."

Pat says she would like to spend the holiday—in the right company—camping by Lake Villaried in Southern Chile.

"Our present kitchen goes some way towards this ideal. I have always been firmly of the opinion that literally millions of woman-hours could be saved in the homes of the world if time and motion study were devoted to the task of not merely preparing a meal but the washing up afterwards."

"I know that the household appliance industry is making practical progress along these lines, but what I have outlined goes on to one's womenfolk."

**THE DUKE OF BEDFORD** is probably best known as the man who believes

half—drawn mean more than coronets. His dual home, Woburn in Bedfordshire, attracts record numbers of half-crown visitors each year, and includes such attractions as a pet's corner, a juice-bar, a boating on the lake, as well as a magnificent collection of paintings.

But what many people do not know is that he had

to give up a successful career as a farmer in South Africa when he succeeded to the title (his father died suddenly in 1953).

It was not too hard to guess where he would like to spend his ideal Christmas.

"I'd like to go back to my farm in Africa," he said. "It's about 60 miles from Cape Town, and I haven't been there for a long time. I miss it very much."

Since the Duke of Bedford has to pay off death duties, amounting in all to over a million pounds, he might have asked some help from Santa Claus in paying off the debt—but he had other ideas.

"I'd like a helicopter," he said promptly. "I do a great deal of travelling around Britain and I'm so bored with British roads, I could also use it to commute between Woburn and the continent, or wherever I pleased."

**JACK SOLOMONS** had no difficulty at all in making up his mind what he wanted. Jack is Britain's Mister Boxing. Most of the big boxing events in Britain have a Solomon's label lashed to them. His stock-in-trade are a midnight blue evening suit, cigar of Churchillian length, and the ability to talk money—big money—all the time, often on the end of a 21-a-minute transatlantic telephone.

"The best Christmas present I could imagine would be for a British boxer to win the heavyweight championship of the world," he said.

"And I would like to spend Christmas in an arena watching promotion of mine when the British boxer wins the title."

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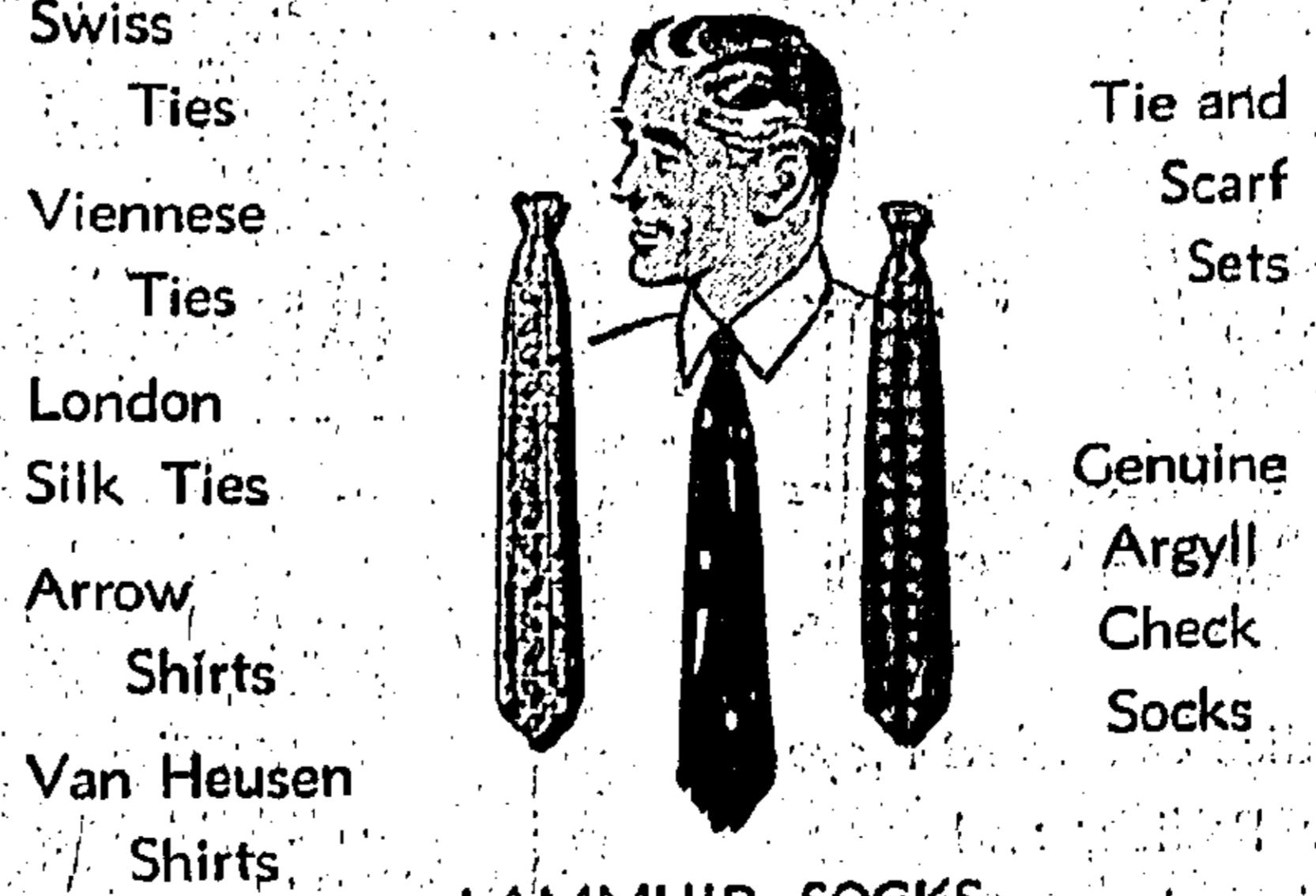
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## Last trick out of the pack—dealer takes all!

LOGAN GOURLAY here concludes his satire on the world he knows so well—the world of film stars and the men who control them. So far: Star Ana Price quits a film half-way through, after being warned by a card-gazer that she will be disfigured by a bite from a camel also in the cast. While she is pursued to Cannes by the minions of her boss, Hugh Evans, Evans himself comes under the spell of the card-gazer, Wilhemina Worthie. On her advice he closes down his studios. Now a rival film maker, Nat Oiphant, is sitting before the Worthie pack of cards. And the last trick is to be played.....

telephoned asking for an appointment in the afternoon. "Tell her I've given up private readings."

"Anyway I'm going to the pictures this afternoon that nice young man we met when we were looking over the studios. He says he used to be Sabrina's tax adviser."

### Genius

Six months later the first Worthie-inspired film came out under the banner of Empire Consolidated Film Corporation.

It was a simple love story between a writer of foreign extraction and a trade union leader's daughter.

There was an accident at the premiere. As the last the theatre Miss Ana Price was bitten on the left calf by a stray dog which had been badly frightened by the throng of screaming fans. The dog recovered and so did Miss Price.

### Invitation

A secretary came in to say that Mr Hugh Evans and Mr Nat Oiphant had both been on the telephone inviting her to dinner that evening.

She accepted Mr Oiphant's invitation, saying to Kenneth: "Never liked that man Evans. I think he might be out of shape and power."

It was 10 o'clock exactly one week later when she turned up for her first day in her new job as chief of GRAB, which was being re-formed with more

strength and power.

She brought her son with her, a dark, good-looking young man about 30, who had just resigned as head waiter in the South Kensington club where she had told fortunes.

He was explaining to his associates why they were temporarily idle.

"I don't believe all this guff I gave the Press about pandering to low tastes. I've never lost money pandering."

"As I once said to Sam Goldwyn, what's wrong with being a pandancer? But you've got to know when to pander."

"Now this old dame Worthie is a marvel. She looked at the cards and she told me that the bottom was going to fall out of the blood market."

"I wouldn't just take her word for it. But we've got to face it, boys. We've saturated the market."

"So we stop. The three we've got half-finished will look good as assets on the balance sheets."

He sat down behind his desk, smaller than the desk in his town office but also kidney-shaped. Before a dieting course Mr Oiphant had been a similar shape himself.

She also brought a large framed photograph of the late

secretary came back to say that Miss Ana Price had

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The Last Chapter Of "The Fabulous Rockefeller Dynasty - Today"

# David: young, audacious

"RELENTLESSLY DEDICATED" FROM THE CITATION AWARDING DAVID AN HONORARY LL.D. BY COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

JOHN D. delighted in playing a game called *Numerica* with his grandchildren. Sometimes they played it after breakfast, sometimes after supper. Of the five Rockefeller brothers, David, the youngest, must have been very good at it.

*Numerica* consists of different coloured sets of counters, each set consisting of 52. The counters are numbered from one to 13, so that there are four of each of these numbers in one set. The object is to build four stacks of consecutive numbers as they are called out by the dealer, drawing at random from his own shuffled pile. The chief danger is trapping a small number by a big one, blocking the sequence.

It is easy to understand why the game entranced John D. His fortune was built by a series of quick decisions or meticulously planned moves until his counters, by 1913, totalled \$900,000,000, at which point he called out "Numerica," or as we would say it now, *Bingo!*

At 43, David is far from ready to cry *Numerica!* But his life, both as a banker and in the Legion of Merit, the Army commandant ribbon and the French Legion of Honour, helped a leader in a vast reconstruction programme, for lower Manhattan, comprising

golden bugle summons to Luddy start a French restaurant. This was no tremendous

concern, slum clearance, private housing, shopping and enter-

ainment—in brief a city within the Rockefeller manner. His

David, 43, the youngest, is the subject of a penetrating study in this, the final article of the series on "The Fabulous Rockefeller Dynasty." He is described as audacious but not impetuous, a thorough tactician who knew what he was doing and went right ahead.

David began playing assistant regional director of the U.S. Office of Defence Health and Welfare.

Then the war engulfed us and, in 1942, David enlisted as a private in the Army, following the example of his brother Winthrop. He did not go through combat as Winthrop did, but he served with distinction (as his honour attest) in North Africa and France. He came out of it a captain.

His next counter was a year

at the London School of Economics, and on top of that he placed another counter of hard study for a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. One of the society writers of the time wrote a column full of sweet distress. Why, oh why, she moaned, did this sensationally eligible bachelor spend a summer vacation boning up on political economy when he might have been the delight of hostesses and the quarry of highly marriageable girls and their mothers? The writer would have indefinitely dorned the title of David's thesis, "Unused Resources and Economic Waste"—but not in the context he meant.

Now he placed the Chase

counter of his personal *Numerica* on his pile. He began in the lowest junior executive position as an assistant manager in the foreign department. But it was not long before he convinced those who through envy and polite malice wanted to think he was riding on the Rockefeller name, that he intended to be judged on his own accomplishments as an individual.

David never alighted work.

He invited it. And when he had a point to make, a position to take, he made sure he had marshalled every possible fact to support him. "It's hard to argue with him," one of his associates remarked, "because he always makes sure his position is reasonable."

He brought the same

planning in the part all Rockefellers must play in philanthropic endeavours and good works of their own. Besides those activities already mentioned, David became executive committee chairman of International House, the home for foreign students in New York; and vice chairman of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, becoming



MAYOR LAGUARDIA AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER

Shown in 1940, when the latter served as Mayor's Secretary.

But the tactical preparation and the audacity of which he is capable are perhaps best illustrated in his presidency of Morningside Heights, Inc. "These things about one-third of the families living in the area of the project's development could be done by one person," he says. "But there is one person, usually, who is the driving force behind them. Lawrence M. Orion, member of the City Planning Commission and executive director of Morningside Heights, Inc., had this to say a couple of years ago:



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David presented the case for his side. He quietly endured the heckling. He did not indulge in empty oratory; indeed, with his nature, he could not. He had prepared an answer for every foreseen objection. He won.

David disclaims, in fact, he



"It is largely due to David Rockefeller's leadership that Morningside Heights became a reality. He is a happy example of the younger men who are accepting responsibility for advancing the development of the entire city."

As David has advanced in banking—from assistant manager to vice president, executive vice president and, now, vice chairman—he has grown equally as a person. And so he answered, in his relentlessly dedicated way, the golden bugle call of the Rockefellers.

By

JOHN WATSON

buddy wanted to open a French restaurant, David appreciated fine food. It was a commendable cause.

David also likes good wine. So he bought a piece of a French vineyard. One wonders whether, as he goes about the orderly routine of his banker's day, he does not wish on occasions that he was at ease among his grapes, holding a glass, perhaps, and watching the beaded bubbles blinking at the brim; one Kent's put it with ecstasy

at all times.

If these moments occur, they do not last longer than it takes to say Chase Manhattan.

As vice chairman of New York

City's largest bank (the nation's second largest) David

has plenty to do. In addition

he is president of Rockefeller

a city in a section that is occupied by day by men of finance, brokers, the speculative and fish markets, and by night resembles a grotesque skyscraper graveyard, except for a few policemen, bums, and wharf rats.

When the nucleus of the plan became known a couple of years ago, with announcement that Chase Manhattan would put up a 60-storey building with a spectacular plaza, one New York newspaper surmised the development might be known as "Downtown Rockefeller Centre."

David did not find the suggestion either constructive or amusing. He said he had no idea what it would be called and added, "I know one name that won't be attached to

Federal government, becoming

But, surely with a doctorate hanging from his belt, David was now ready for Chase, and Chase for him. Not for a while.

At 24 David became one of the secretaries of New York's Mayor La Guardia—without pay. "This just seemed to me," he said, "an extraordinary opportunity to find out about municipal government, so I took it." He spent a year finding out and then moved into an outpost of

the city government, becoming

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# A Christmas Carol

By CHARLES DICKENS

Condensation Made  
Especially for This Page  
By CLARK KINNAIRD

"Spirit, remove me from this place!"  
He was conscious of being overcome by an irresistible drowsiness; and, further, of being in his own bedroom. He had barely time to reel to bed, before he sank into a heavy sleep.



**SCROOGE!** A grasping, covetous, old sinner! Hard and sharp as flint; secret, and self-contained, and solitary as an oyster. The cold within him froze his old features, nipped his pointed nose, shrivelled his cheek, stiffened his gait; made his eyes red, his thin lips blue; and spoke out in his grating voice. He carried his own low temperature always about with him; he iced his office in the dog-days; and didn't thaw it one degree at Christmas.

Once upon a time—on Christmas Eve—old Scrooge sat busy in his counting-house. A door was open that he might keep his eye upon his clerk, who in a dismal little cell beyond was copying letters.

"A Merry Christmas, Uncle God save you!" suddenly cried a cheerful voice—the voice of Scrooge's nephew, Fred, come unawares upon him.

"Bah!" said Scrooge. "Humbug!" "Merry Christmas! What reason have you to be merry? You're poor enough!"

"Come, then," returned the nephew, gaily. "What reason have you to be morose? You're rich enough."

To say that he was not startled, would be untrue. But he turned the key sturdy, walked in, and lighted his candle.

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However, before he shut his door, he walked through his rooms to see that all was right. Quite satisfied, he locked himself in, put on his dressing-gown, slippers, and night-cap; and sat down before the fire.

The fireplace was an old one, paved all round with quaint Dutch tiles, designed to illustrate the Scriptures; and yet that face of Marley, seven years dead, was in every one!

"Humbug!" said Scrooge; and walked across the room.

A disused bell, that hung in the room, began to swing and ring. This might have lasted half a minute, or a minute, but it seemed an hour. They were succeeded by a clanking noise, deep down below, as if some person were dragging a heavy chain.

"It's humbug still!" said Scrooge. "I won't believe it!"

His colour changed, though when, without a pause, it came through the heavy door, and passed into the room before his eyes.

"Marley's ghost! Marley, in his pig-tail, usual waistcoat and boots. The chain he drew was clamped about his middle. It was made of cushion-boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds, and heavy iron weights. In steel, his body was transparent, so that Scrooge, looking through his waistcoat, could see the two buttons on his coat behind.

"How now!" said Scrooge, causing cold as ever. "What do you want with me?"

"You don't believe in me," observed the Ghost.

"I don't," said Scrooge. "Why do you doubt your senses?"

"Because," said Scrooge, "a little thing affects them. A slight disorder of the stomach makes it an cheat. You may be an ungested bit of Leef, a blot of mustard, a smut of cheese, a fragment of an undigested potato. There's more of gravy than of grace about you, what ever you are!"

Scrooge resumed his labours with an improved opinion of himself. That afternoon he turned away two gentlemen soliciting Christmas for the poor. There were workhouses, what more did the poor want? He drove off a lad who attempted to sing a Christmas carol under his window.

When the hour of shutting up arrived, Scrooge roused to the

"You will be haunted, by Three Spirits. Without their visits, you cannot hope to shun the path I tread."

The spectre floated out through the closed window. Scrooge tried to say "Humbug!" but stopped at the first syllable. And being much in need of rest, went straight to bed, without undressing, and fell asleep upon the instant.

When Scrooge awoke, he found himself face to face with an unearthly visitor. It was a strange figure—like a child, yet not so like a child as like an old man, viewed through some supernatural medium.

"Who, and what are you?" said Scrooge, "I am the Ghost of Christmas Past. Your past! Rest and walk with me!"

As the words were spoken, they passed through the wall, and the years of Scrooge's past rolled back till they were traversing the scenes of his childhood, and young manhood on other Christmas Eves.

The Ghost stopped at a certain warehouse door.

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And in came Little Bob, the father, with at least three feet of comforter exclusive of the fringe, hanging down before him and his threadbare clothes darned up and brushed, to look seascapable; and Tiny Tim, upon his shoulder. Also Tiny Tim, too bare a little crutch, and had his limbs supported by an iron frame!

"Why, where's our Martha?" cried Bob Cratchit, looking round.

"Not coming," said Mrs Cratchit.

"Not coming!" said Bob, "not coming upon Christmas Day!"

His eldest daughter, Martha, an apprentice maid home for the day, didn't like to see him disappointed, if it were only in joke; so she came out prematurely from behind the closet door, where she had hidden, and ran into his arms, while the two young Cratchits bore off Tiny Tim that he might hear the pudding singing in the copper.

Bob compounded some hot mixture in a jug with gin and lemons, and stirred it round and round and put it on the hob to simmer. Master Peter and the two ubiquitous young Cratchits went to fetch the goose, with which they soon returned in high glee.

Such a bustle ensued that you might have thought a good fair in town it was something very like it in that house. Mrs Cratchit made the gravy: Peter mashed the potatoes with incredible vigour. Miss Belinda sweetened up the apple sauce: the two young Cratchits set chairs for everybody, not forgetting themselves, and mounting guard upon their posts, crammed spoons into their mouths, lest they should starve for goose before their turn came to be helped. At last the dishes were set on, and grace was said. It was succeeded by a breathless pause, as Mrs Cratchit prepared to plunge into the meat; but when she did, and the long-expected gush of steam burst forth, one murmur of delight arose all round the board.

There never was such a goose! Its tenderness and flavour, size and cheapness, were the themes of universal admiration.

Edged out, by apple-sauce and mashed potatoes, it was a



"There never was such a goose!" Christmas at the Cratches. This and other illustrations on this page are reproduced from the famous drawings by John Leech for the original edition.



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sufficient dinner for the whole family. Everyone had had my dears, God bless us!" and the youngest Cratchit in particular, were steeped in sage and onion to the eyebrows. But now the plates being changed by Miss Belinda, Mrs Cratchit left the room alone—too nervous to bear witness—tote the pudding up, and bring it in.

Suppose it should not be done enough! Suppose it should break in turning out! Suppose somebody should have got over the wall of the backyard, and stolen it, while they were merry with the goose—a supposition at which the two young Cratchits became livid!

Hullo! A great deal of steam! The pudding was out of the copper. A smell like washing-day! That was the cloth. A smell like an eating-house and a pastry-cook's next door to each other, with a laundress's next door to that! That was the pudding! In half a minute Mrs Cratchit entered—flushed, but smiling proudly—with the pudding, like a speckled cannon-ball, so hard and firm, blazing in half or half-a-quarter of ignited brandy, and bedight with Christmas holly.

Oh, a wonderful pudding! Bob Cratchit said, and calmly too, that he regarded it as the greatest success achieved by Mrs Cratchit since their marriage. Everybody had something to say about it, but nobody said or thought it was at all a small pudding for a large family.

At last the dinner was all done, the cloth was cleared, and the fire made up. The compound in the jug being tasted, and considered perfect, apples and oranges were put upon the table, and a shovel full of chestnuts on the fire. Then all the Cratchit family drew round the hearth; and as Bob Cratchit's elbow stood the family display of glass. Two tumblers and a custard-cup without a handle.

These held the hot stuff from the jug, however, as well as golden goblets would have done; and Bob served it out with beaming looks, while the chestnuts on the fire sputtered and crackled merrily. Then Bob proposed:

Here is the Story That Was Instrumental in Saving Christmas for Future Generations  
—G. K. Chesterton

"I don't know what to do!" cried Scrooge, laughing and crying in the same breath; and making perfect Loopy of himself with his stockings. "I am as light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a schoolboy. I am as giddy as a drunken man. A Merry Christmas to everybody!"

Running to the window, he opened it, put out his head, and called downward to the boy in Sunday clothes: "What's today?"

"Today!" replied the boy. "Why, CHRISTMAS DAY."

"It's Christmas Day!" said Scrooge to himself. "I haven't missed it."

"It's only once a year, sir," plended Bob.

"I am not going to stand for this sort of thing any longer. And therefore," said Scrooge, driving away with his pen, as if he were trying to overtake 9 o'clock.

"What do you mean by coming here at this time of day?" growled Scrooge, in his accustomed voice.

His hat was off, before he opened the door; his comforter, too. He was on his stool in a jiffy; driving away with his pen, as if he were trying to overtake 9 o'clock.

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# Christmas For Two Queens

## VICTORIA AND ELIZABETH

By John Chambers

ONE hundred years ago, Queen Victoria and her family sat down to their Christmas Day dinner at Windsor. There were more than a dozen courses. It took them the remainder of the afternoon to recover from the sumptuous feast which had been preceded that day by the usual five-course breakfast.

This December 25, Queen Elizabeth II made dinner. Then she must Victoria's great-granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth II, has less than an hour to rest after Christmas Day television broadcast.

This is the fundamental difference between the Christmases of the Queen of today and the Queen of a century ago: a difference of tempo. Victoria had no special engagements on Christmas Day, 1858. Elizabeth is kept so busy that she has to open her presents on Christmas Eve.

Eating on the scale of the Victorians would make it impossible for the present-day Queen to get through her hectic programme. So sue has the simplest of Christmas Day meals—a modest turkey dinner followed by a light helping of the traditional plum pudding.

But for the Victorians, eating and drinking was the main part of Christmas Day. And with whisky at twenty shillings a gallon and beer at tenpence a gallon, drinking was a major part of the nation-wide merrymaking.

In 1858, some 60,000 paupers in London received gifts of roast beef or pork, potatoes, plum pudding and a pint of porter. There was plenty of food and drink for all. But the finest tables of all were to be seen at Windsor Castle, where Victoria and her family always spent their Christmas holidays.

On Christmas Day, two huge boar's heads and a gargantuan baron of beef would be roasted before the coal ranges. The menu would also include stuffed turkey, roast cygnet, woodcock pie,



Queen Elizabeth II made her first Christmas Day television appearance last year. Our picture shows her making this historic broadcast to the Commonwealth. The microphone is concealed in a vase of flowers. On the desk, too, are framed photographs of Charles, Prince of Wales, and Princess Anne.

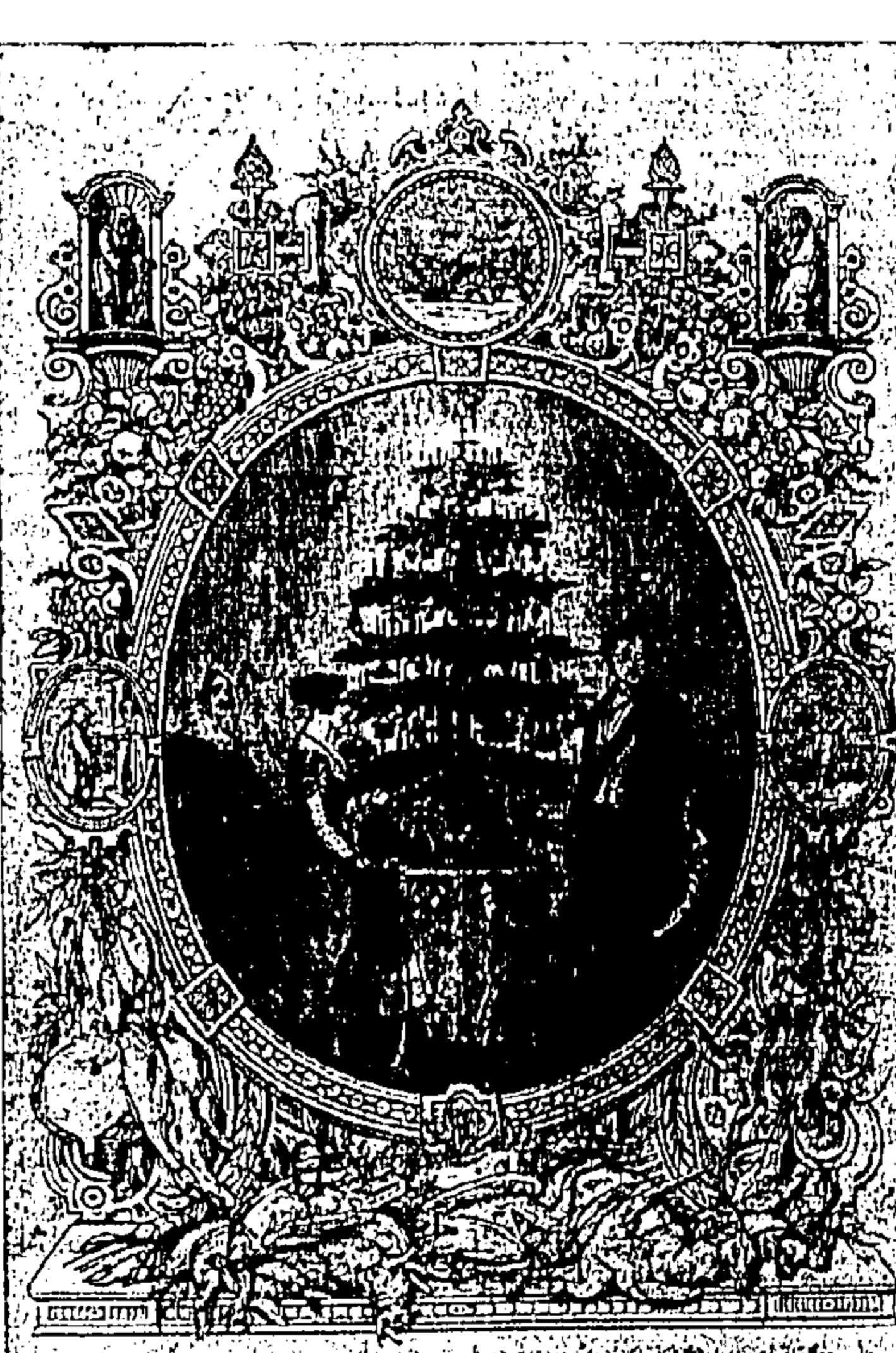
plum pudding and mince pies. Two dozen bottles of brandy went into the mince pie for the Royal Family; 150 eggs went into the plum puddings for the Royal Household. The pudding, made from an old Budebridge Pudding recipe, also contained four gallons of strong ale, a bottle of rum, and brandy again.

man, who would cut great chunks of ice from the rivers on the royal estate and store them in neat blocks in a "grotto" at Windsor.

The kitchen staff toiled among gas fires and turnips, and many of them had such titles like the Men of the Green Office, who cleaned the vegetables, and the Steam Men, who cooked them.

A century ago the Queen's larders were stocked with more food than the residents could hope to eat in a year. For Victoria liked to give food away at Christmas. A shoulder of lamb would go to each worker on her estates; large pies, containing turkey, chicken, pheasant, woodcock and stuffing, were sent to her friends.

Today, Queen Elizabeth also makes traditional presents—a 2lb Christmas pudding to each member of the staff at Sandringham; one hundredweight of coal each to about 1,000 old and needy people living in Royal Windsor; and, following a custom begun by her grandfather, George V, two Christmas trees



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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



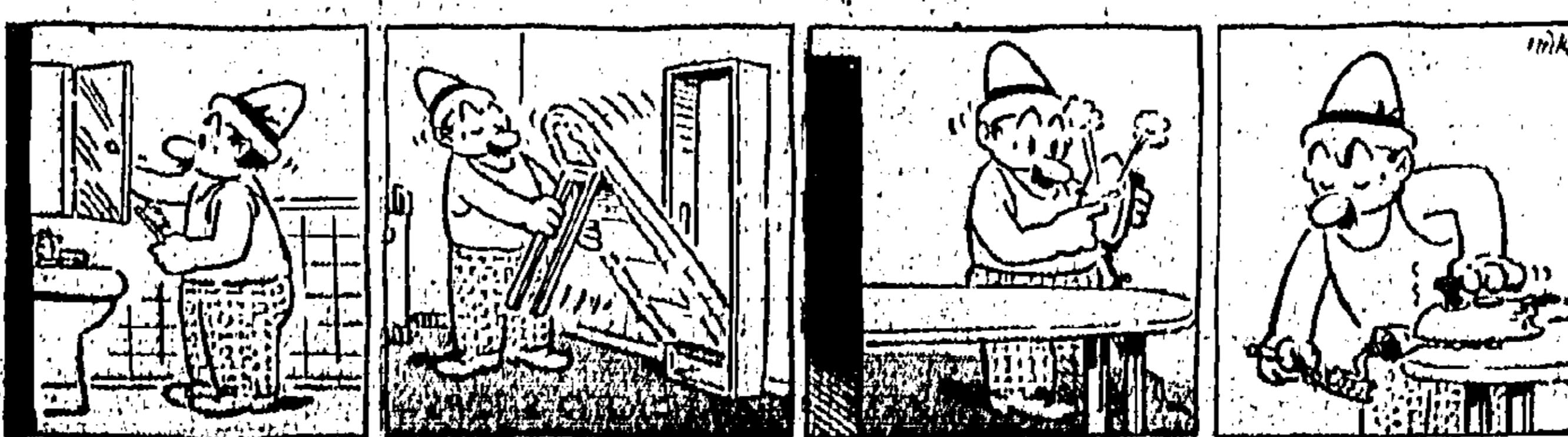
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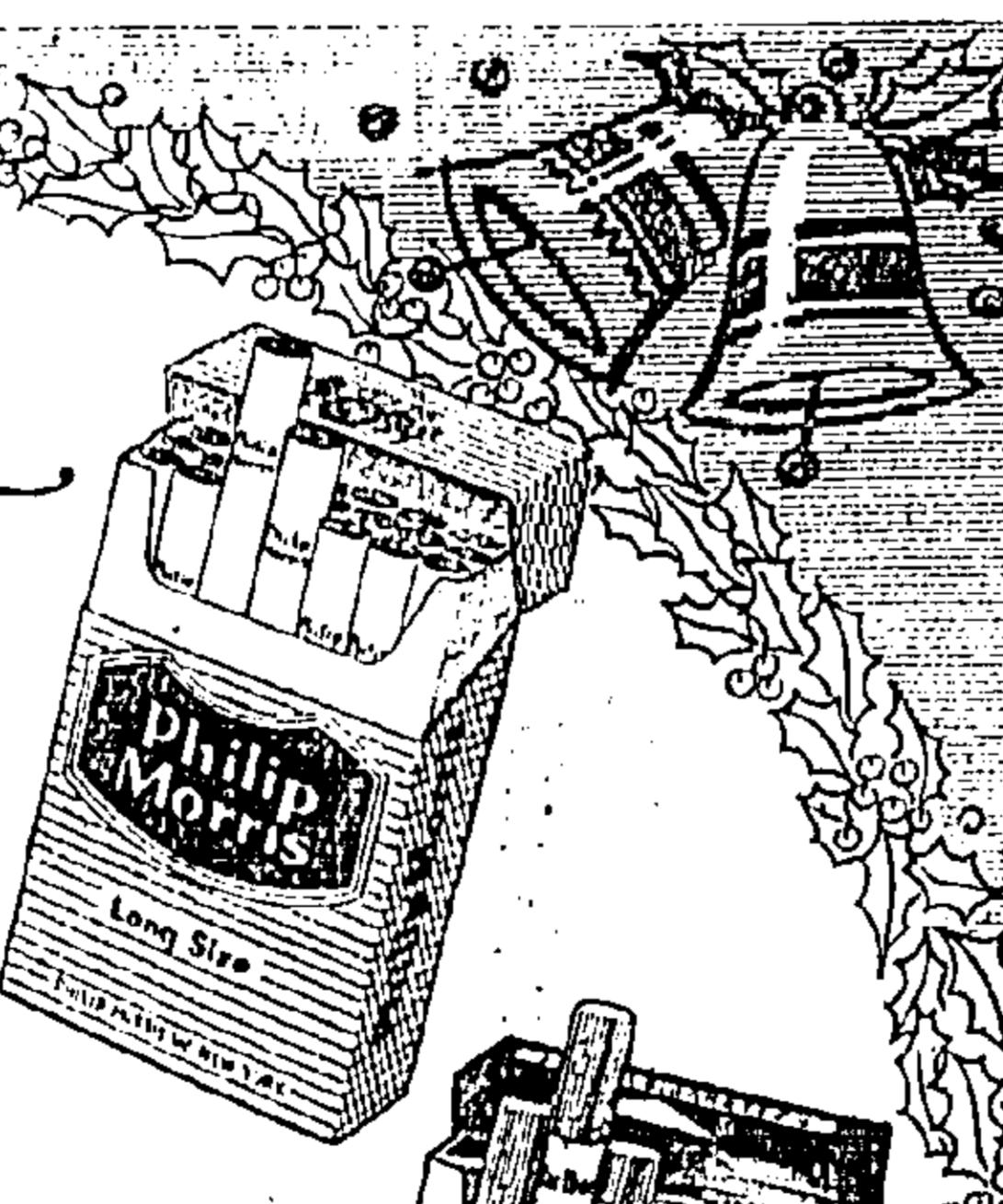
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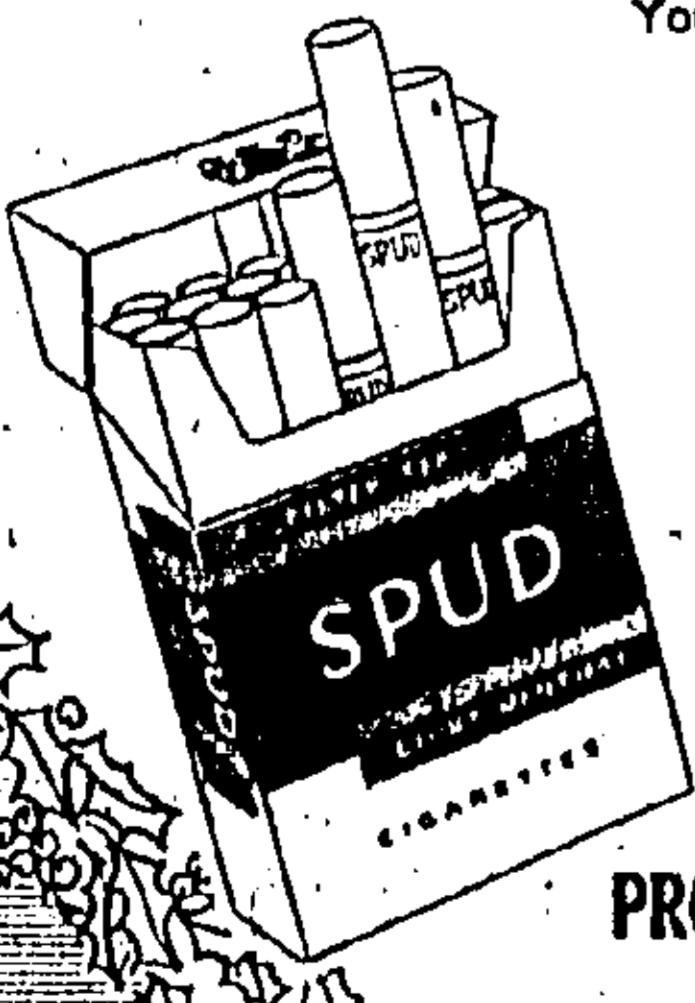


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The date: Christmas Day, 1914. The scene: No-man's-land in the Armentieres sector. British and German officers and men forgot they were supposed to be enemies and called a brief, unofficial truce. German cigars were swapped for English bully beef. Then the generals withdrew the regiments concerned, and the war was resumed.

## The Day The War Stopped

By  
**DENNIS  
ADAMS**

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1914. Sergeant-Major Gould, of the North Staffordshire Regiment, thought about his home and family in England and happier Christmases.

Reality was a water-logged trench on the Armentieres sector of the Allied front line on which Britain and Germany were locked in bloody, muddy conflict; miserable, cold and wet, eternal bully beef for dinner and death round every corner.

The trill of a field telephone jerked Gould back to reality.

The excited operator stammered: "Sir, something funny's happening. The Germans are sitting on top of the trenches and have lit fires and candles. And they're singing hymns."

The puzzled Gould immediately sent a message to the Company Commander to come over. Then he went to see for himself. What was happening?

Even now Frederick Gould cannot conceal the amazement in his voice as he recalls, "I could see the lights of fires and bonfires and could hear the sound of singing."

"Our men were also sitting on top of their trenches and I could make out figures moving in no-man's land."

"Despite the fact that it was Christmas Eve I didn't feel happy about things and made sure that the men in the supporting trenches were covering the front line men."

"I remembered what had happened in September to our neighbouring regiment, the Sherwood Foresters."

"A full party of stretcher-bearers came out of the German trenches, holding up a white flag and were apparently going to receive their wounded. Suddenly the men dropped the white flag and the stretcher-bearers produced machine guns and strafed the Sherwoods. I wondered if a similar trick was going to be played on us."

"I mentioned this to one of my men and he said his pals had told him the Germans who were now freely moving about in no-man's land had warned him of the Prussians who did such tricks. They, however, were Saxons and had a fell 'n feeling for the Anglo-Saxons."

"But I warned the sentries to keep our men covered all the time and give immediate alarm if they saw anything suspicious."

"Meanwhile a message came back that a German soldier was asking to speak to an officer, so 'C' Company Commander decided to go and investigate."

"The Germans did the same thing and a British officer who tried to peep into one of their trenches was promptly warned off by an invisible sentry."

"But otherwise all was peace and goodwill, and the troops posed for photographs. The official history of the North Staffordshire Regiment notes that the German officers "were magnificently polished and clean which unfortunately the British officers were not."

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ANNE SHARPLEY, BEARD AND ALL, FACES 'THE LITTLE DARLINGS'

# I learn the secret of the shop Santas

—always please the PARENTS

"NOW if some little perisher goes for your beard, you get him by the hand just as though you were shaking it and swing him round to face the exit."

My gentle dreams of what heart-warming work being a Santa Claus would be were disappearing as fast as a fire-eater's eyebrows on a windy day.

"Then give 'em a good shave."

I was in the capable hands of Mr Billy Batt, the Cecil B. de Mille of Santa Clauses, who demonstrated what constituted a good shave in the small, snow-capped world of Christmas specialists.

His "shaving" of well-trimmed Santas are scattered all round London.

Now he was giving me a short course of Santa-hair in a department store in Hatton Garden before sending me on to face "the little darlings" whose fate we are about to enter and be always remembered."

Realising with a start that I could remember my in a Santa Claus far better than I could the man who took me to shave last night, I began on that downward course of regret that follows all experiences too hastily entered into.

"And don't get any ideas it's an easy job," went on Mr Batt. "It's slavery!"

"But you'll soon find out," he said with a laugh surprisingly hard for a man whose livelihood depends on pleasant Yuletide things.

"What do I say to them?" I begged.

"Well, you can start off by asking, 'What's your name?'" said Super-Santa. "Then he says 'Alan.' And you says, 'Are you a good boy, Alan?' and his mother chips in with 'Yes, but he don't eat his greens, Santa, and you say surprised-like 'You don't eat your greens! That's not very nice, is it?'

"Then if he asks for a two-wheel bike and they all ask for two-wheel bikes, you say he can 'ave it if he eats his greens and promises not to go on the main roads."

"That way you've got him to eat his green and given 'im a tip on road safety."



Such missionary work I knew to be well beyond me—but I was allowed to hear about parents.

"Yes, the parents are most important. Never check the children's back. A Santa at Stratford was carried down the stairs and thrown into the street by some duds he checked."

"Better start getting used to the feel of your uniform," said Mr Batt.

"I really like to train Santas over a number of weeks so they can break down their self-respect by taking their uniform, 'one and saying to the old girl: 'I'll just try on my uniform for a while, dear,' and then sitting by the fire chatting until he gets used to it."

"The rouge always upsets them, though. Take a man who's bin a bank clerk for 35 years, he don't like rouging his cheeks. But you can't 'ave an unhealthy Santa Claus, can you?"

I was bundling into a beautiful Santa uniform ("I always carry a spare with me, you never know") and listening to Mr Batt's scorn for "arty, grubby Santa Clauses who wear long coats like made-over dressing-gowns and have their ordinary trousers showing underneath."

Mr Batt's uniform is nothing if not complete, although I was not let into the delicate secret of what other Santa Clauses wear as underwear.

That brought her back like a magnet. I'd never seen such a change. That's the secret, said to myself, hand over presents at once.

So I was lashing out with nursery rhyme books—plastic necklaces, plastic hand cuffs (a good one this, I thought) and a balloon each which Mr Batt was blowing up behind-scenes.

My beard was starting to work between my teeth and down my throat. I was terribly hot and a note of accusation began to creep into the eyes wide with wonderment.

I was the only Father Christmas to progress from bass to falsetto in half an hour.

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I looked at my ludicrous reflection, encapsulated in a tin seal on the Christmas tree next to me, and I reminded myself sternly that in common with demagogues, prophets, fairy godmothers and ghostly apparitions, I had a duty. Not to disappoint.

"Righto, girlie, you're on your own," said Mr Batt as the glamorous "space ship" that was the mode of transport to his Christmas attractions howled and gasped towards me.

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### THE millionaire sat looking at the tramp with benign interest.

Presently he leaned across and said: "The thing I'm more interested in than anything is this . . . Just what do you reckon you will do with this hundred pounds now that I've given it to you?"

"Never mind that," his host said. "Just tell me what you might do with the hundred pounds I've given you."

"Well, cripes, Guv," Joe said, shaking his untidy and over-crackling fivers—some money that he'd never handled at one time in his life.

"I dunno, Guv, honest I don't," the tramp said in bewilderment.

"Have some more wine," the millionaire said, smiling, and poured another liberal measure of vintage into the tramp's glass.

They sat together in front of the imposing fireplace in the millionaire's sumptuous lounge.

On one side was Mortimer Everest, the millionaire industrialist. Facing him sitting a little uncertainly on the edge of his chair, was Joe. Just plain Joe the Hobo, who, having long since abandoned any attempt at shaving, now sported a rather ragged beard.

"Make yourself comfortable," Mortimer Everest said.

Joe looked down at his dirty, greasy trousers and jacket, all tattered round the edges, and wiped his mouth with his cuff. "I don't want to dirty your nice furniture, Guv," he said.

"That's what I do mean," Everest said, again replenishing his guest's glass. "You see there was a time when I looked very much as you do now. I felt rather bitter towards the world in general, and did my best to run away from it. I became what

"think nothing of it," he said. "I quite right, I am eccentric. At least, I think I must be. You see, I've been doing this every Christmas for some years now, and I get a terrible kick out of it."

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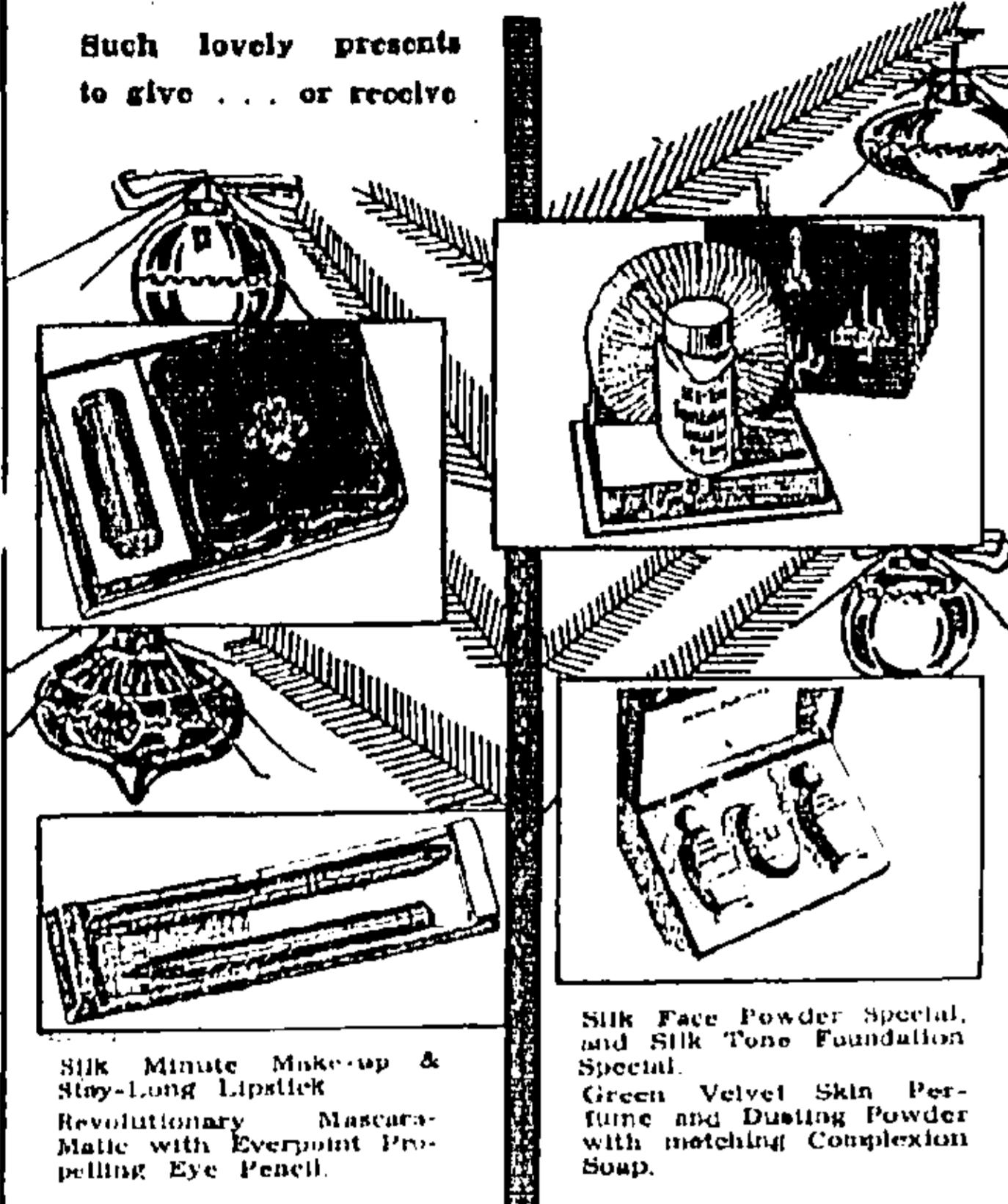
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## Christmas Womansense

BUYING Christmas gifts is fun—but not always easy. Unless you work to some kind of plan, you are likely to get bewildered when you reach the shops, not to mention the possibility of overspending your budget.

My own rough list is divided into groups so that I'm not likely to go too far astray even if I change my mind occasionally. Some gifts can be placed in several categories, so I hope that among them, you will find some ideas to suit your needs.

### Comfort

ELDERLY FOLK usually appreciate something with a note of comfort about it. A small 'stocking' gift (in both senses) is a pair of wool knee caps (flesh shade). More glamorous—and especially wanted by bridge and patience players—is a brushed wool shrug cape. Moving upwards, a Scottish firm produces authentic tartan wool rugs with a double purpose—they also can be worn as a wrap-around skirt. Small knee rugs always enjoy popularity, and a modern note in luxury is a pure wool electric blanket, single size.

### Gaiety

TEEN-AGERS like gaiety and novelty—and get both in this year's pirate and scarf hats in jersey, knitted wool or brushed wool. The hat with scarf attached and gay tassel or pom-pom is a must for the girl whose boy friend has a scooter. More feminine is a fine lacy wool evening stole with glitter thread.

For lounging, inexpensive socks—again with gold or silver trim—make a grand gift. Incidentally, they come in a cellophane barrel that would hang happily on the Christmas tree.

Fancy wool socks and slippers run from those with wool pom-pom trimmings to real mink trims.

A larger gift from buying presents to the girl going to live on her own would be a ribbon bound, wool tartan rug, which also acts as a very temporary looking divan cover.

### Smart

MOTHERS (and daughters, too) often appreciate something smart to wear. Now that Shetland knitting is the rage, one Scottish house is promoting Shetland sweaters, lace scarves, handwoven stoles and tweed skirts all in colours that team together. Alternatively, for the hardy woman, you can buy a length of Shetland tweed and matching wool, so that she can make a sweater and skirt to her own pattern choice.

Another gift with a good touch of glamour would be a pair of long white Empire gloves in the finest of wool—to give a 'lift' to any cocktail or evening dress.

A stocking gift I like comes in the form of cut-out wool embroidered flowers. You can sew these singly on a plain dress or sweater, or round the neckline to form a necklace.

MENFOLK are supposed to be difficult to please, but I think most of them will like the novelties that are around this year. The 4-in-1 tie uses four different cloths in one item, thus making it completely reversible. Solid colour ties, now fashionable, are made in a wool hopsack weave. Very attractive for presentation are boxed sets of matching ties and scarves—or for the sportsman a 90-inch muffler!

The rule of the day is warmth without weight. Consequently men are approving the long 'Henry Higgins' type of cardigan, in which they can relax at the end of the day, without having to wear a heavy jacket. These come in all kinds of wool at varying prices.

### Elegant

A similar idea is the thigh-length dressing gown (or warm-weather smoking jacket), which is very elegant indeed, in black with scarlet facings.

For boy friends of the Kenneth More type, you might try a black and white tweed deerstalker hat, or a novelty wool check waistcoat. More sober types would appreciate the new Jersey waistcoats in bright or subdued colours. These, by the way, are becoming real trend-setters.

For the little girl who likes to do things, buy a small loom and some wool, so that she can make a band or two, needle and thread, and let your Christmas guests have fun making something themselves—not forgetting a small prize for the bravest attempt.

Other gift suggestions include 'headache' bands in different coloured jersey; cosy hat-and-scarf in one; embroidered felt booties and knitted knee boots; a selection of wool and felt toys with gay embroideries, saucy knitted hats hand made and then hand embroidered again.

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

BORN today, you have a serious, introspective mind which is combined with a demonstrative and affectionate nature. This makes you rather difficult to understand. The two halves of your personality are often fighting with each other, and you, less than anyone else perhaps, are not able to figure out in which direction to turn. Poetic and visionary, you also have a desire to be practical and even try to be aggressively active in getting what you want. You are something of a crusader at heart and want to project your own ideas forcefully.

Since you are a leader by nature, you should wed someone willing to follow you. If you marry someone who also has original ideas and they do not conform with yours—then there can be real marital trouble ahead! The selection of the right marriage partner is of the greatest importance for you, since your affections need full expression if you are to be happy and contented in life.

Interested in the occult and the mysterious, you must guard against being influenced too much by these phenomena. Being superstitious is not worthy of one of your intellect!

Among those born in this date are Heinrich Heine, poet; Bishop Phillips Brooks, orator, reformer and author of the song 'Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem'; Edmund J. G. Zalinsky, soldier and gun inventor; Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of the President; Abbott Lawrence Lowell, educator and a president of Harvard.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Not too good a day for any of your efforts, so just relax tensions and rest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be as original as you want to be today, but don't expect others to appreciate it!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—After your morning devotions, take time out to think over a good sermon you have heard.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Be patient even with those who disagree with you. Use pressure another time.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Keep silent if your "better half" puts up an argument. It's difficult to argue with oneself.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 22)—Not your day! Just let things take care of themselves; don't swim against the tide.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Get together with friends you may not have seen for some time. It will be pleasant.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Avoid going out of your way to make social overtures to someone of importance!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—A short temper can cause long-time trouble, so exert patience with all the family.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Enjoy the pleasures of your own home today. Store up energies for the coming week.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

BOHN today, you are a strong-willed individual. You know what you want and go about getting it without "fuss and feathers." In fact, you recognise at an early age that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points—and that's the road you intend to travel toward success. You are not, however, one of those blustering, shouting individuals, for you know that the velvet glove covering an iron fist is usually the most successful technique.

You have great charm and use it to get exactly what you want. You speak well in public and know how to present your ideas persuasively and intelligently. You have a sharp head for business and always read the fine print in any contract. If all this appears to make you a cold, impersonal person, this is the wrong impression. You have a deep interest in the welfare of others, and your ability to work co-operatively with anyone is so well developed that people often do what you want, despite their own personal convictions. Since you are usually so right in your convictions, everyone is happy!

Your loyalties are strong, and the one you wed will know of your deep love and affection through your deeds of love and kindness rather than by what you say. You firmly believe that in the long run actions speak more loudly than words!

Among those born on this date are: General James Harold Doolittle, U.S. air commander in World War II; Jane Cowell, actress; Bishop Philander Chase, reformer and a founder of Kenyon College; Noah Porter, early president of Yale; Justus Moser, German historian and critic.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Now you can make that radical change you have been planning. Green lights!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be constructive in your suggestions at the office and you will profit thereby.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you are defending a new idea, this is a fine evening to lecture forcefully about it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Inaugurate a new plan, no matter how unconventional, and it will be accepted.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Sign that lease today. A fine time to settle all business details.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 22)—An early start this morning on an important job means you can finish it by nightfall.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—All should be calm on the domestic scene. Begin the new week with energy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—All work dealing with electrical appliances, especially communications, is favoured.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—Attend a lecture this evening. You might meet friends you have not been seeing recently.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Originally in your approach to an old problem may prove to be an immediate solution.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A fine time to handle personal affairs which are also involved with your business life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—An early start today means that much may be accomplished.

Utilise your full energies.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When buying a new carpet or rug, use your hands to judge the quality of your choice.

Did your fingers in the pile of the surface. Is it thick? Is it reasonably springy when pressure is released?

If you are going on a trip, tuck sachet tablets into the pockets of your suitcase. Cases that have been closed for a long time often have a "close" odour that the sweet fragrance of a sachet will eliminate.

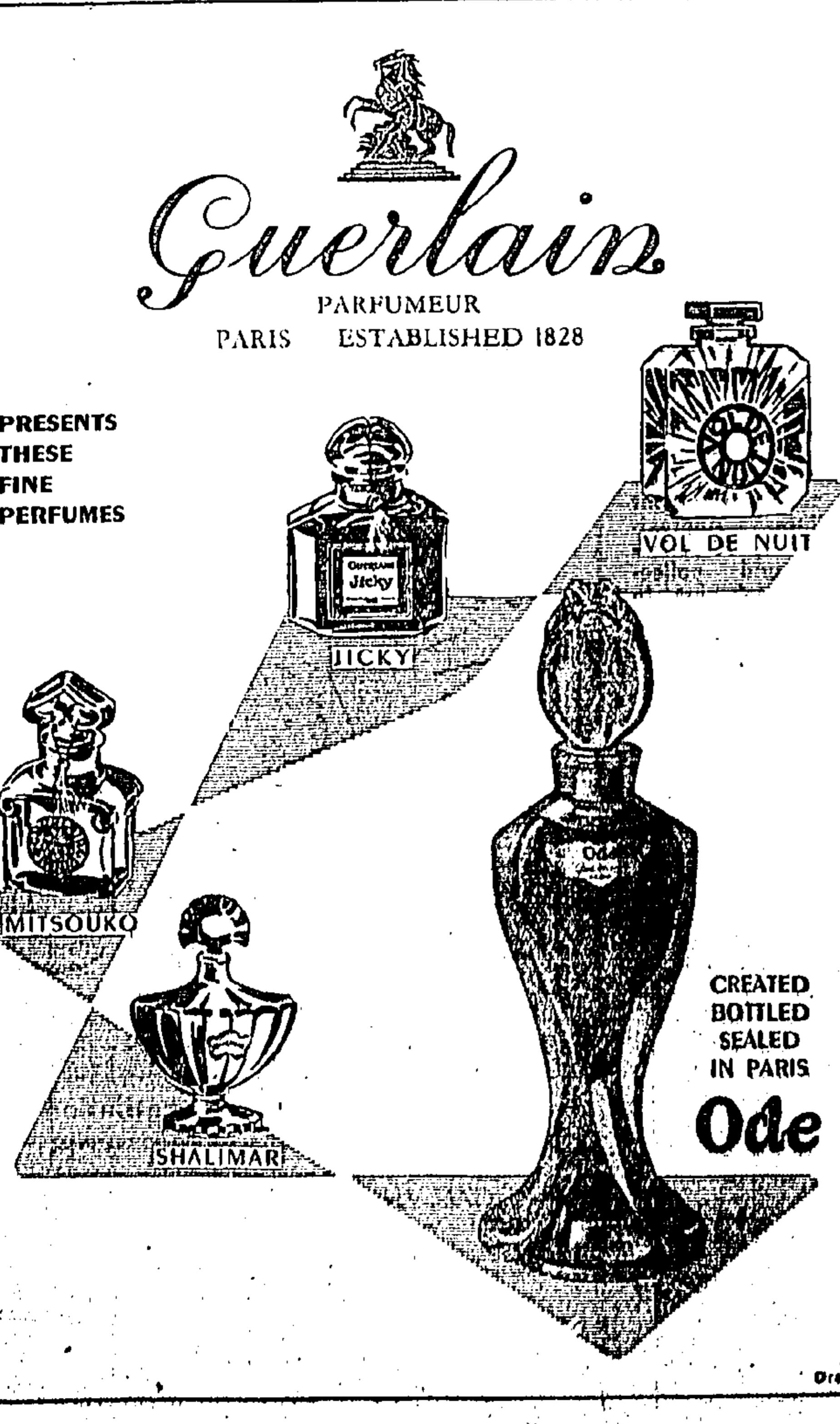
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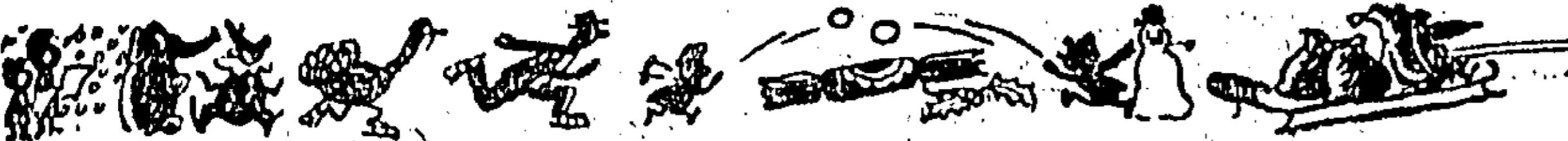
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ABOVE: Dame Leslie Wheatley, visiting Director of the World Bureau of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, meets Hongkong Guiders at a social function held at the Jockey Club Hut on Saturday.



RIGHT: Her Royal Highness the Maharani of Patiala chats with Mrs O. R. Sadick during a dinner party given in her honour by Mr H. N. Harilal this week.



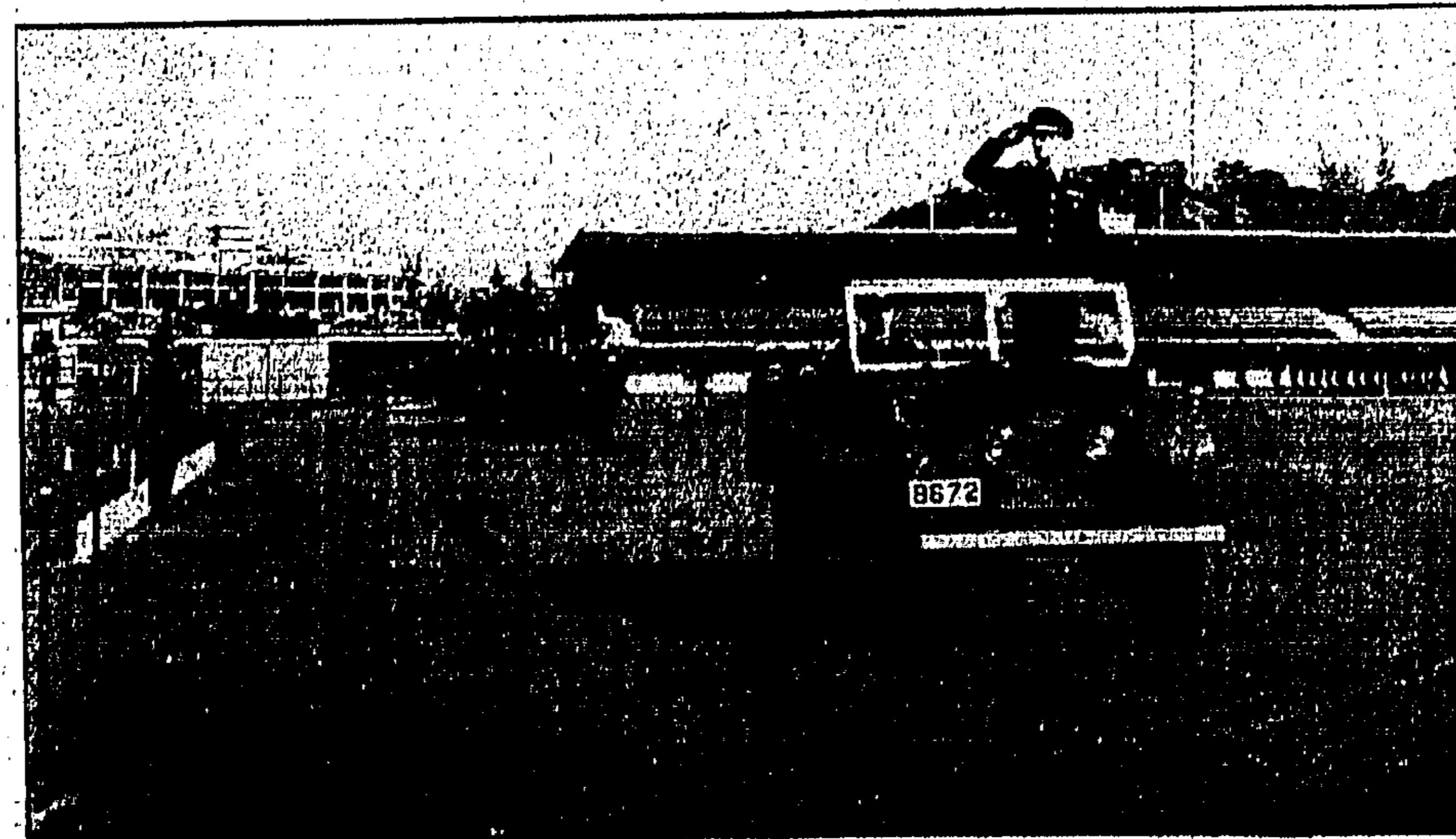
BELOW: An Australian wine and cheese tasting session on board the mv Dolos on Tuesday was attended by more than 50 local wine and cheese importers and restaurant owners. Mr K. L. Ballantyne, one of the Australian Trade Mission, is seen (left) offering a piece of cheese to a guest.

ABOVE: Mr A. de O. Salas chats with Mrs M. W. Turner (right) and Mrs R. J. Parsons during the Hongkong Rotary Club "Ladies' Day" held on Tuesday at the Paramount Restaurant.

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ABOVE: Little Rhonda, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Hughes, shows off her first birthday cake to her parents and amah during a party on December 4.



ABOVE: Lady Black (second from left) admires one of the stalls at the Christmas Fair organised last Saturday by the Marianne Reichl Aid to Lepers Group held at the Dofenco Force Headquarters.

LEFT: Mrs F. do M. Ribairo, wife of the Portuguese Acting Consul, shakes hands with Mr David Tsui, Hongkong's team captain after the Colony trounced Macao 4-1 in the annual tennis interport.



BELOW: Mr Percy Chan (center), Mr Lam Chi-yin (second from left) and Mr Chan Kwan-po (second from right) drink a toast with friends during the opening of the Chinese Club's new "clinic" for Chinese herbal medicine in Kowloon on Sunday.



BELOW: A snap of the dress rehearsal for last Sunday's annual Police Review at the Government Stadium. Approximately 1,000 policemen and policewomen took part in the grand parade, the twelfth in the Force's history.



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# Christmas Pictorial



ABOVE: Children of various resettlement areas entertained members of the American Women's Association at the American Club on Monday. This group sang songs accompanied by their own percussion instruments.



RIGHT: Mr. Oswald Cheung, President of the Diocesan School Old Boys' Association, accepts a cigarette from Mr. L. B. Stone at a recent cocktail party given by the President and Committee of the D.S.O.B.A. for members of the Association and members of the School Committee.



ABOVE: Msgr. John Romanillo, director of the Roman Catholic Relief Service, inspects a noodle machine during the distribution of free noodles to needy families at the Tung Wah Hospital last Friday. The noodles are made from flour and dried milk donated by the people of America.



ABOVE: Dr. D.J.M. Mackenzie, Director of Medical and Health services, looks over the occupational therapy handwork of patients at an exhibition held at the Mental Hospital last Friday.



LEFT: The annual dinner of the Hongkong Life Guard Club was held at the Ying King Restaurant this week. Mr. Fung Ping-fan (left), President, here presents a trophy to a member of the Club.



BELOW: Sir Robert Black recently visited the fish and vegetable markets in Hongkong and Kowloon. He is seen here on arrival at one of the stops on his tour. Mr. Jack Cator (left) accompanied him.



ABOVE: Lt.-Col. F. E. Jowkes, the officer commanding, Salvation Army, greets Lady Black when she arrived to open the Salvation Army's new nursery and clinic at Tai Wah Hau resettlement district.



BELOW: Visiting delegates who recently attended the International Conference of Social Work in Tokyo, were entertained to lunch at the Paramount Restaurant. Left to right are Miss D. Lee, Mr. D. S. Howard and Miss Bertha Howard.

ABOVE: Mr. J. Whiteley, a teacher (centre), chats with students and visitors during the King's College Open Day held this week. A comprehensive exhibition of students' work was held for three days.



ABOVE: Mr. and Mrs. Manuel A. Remedios, with attendants, friends and relatives, pose for the China Mail photographer shortly after their wedding at St. Teresa's Church on Monday. The bride is the former Miss Olivia Ribeiro.

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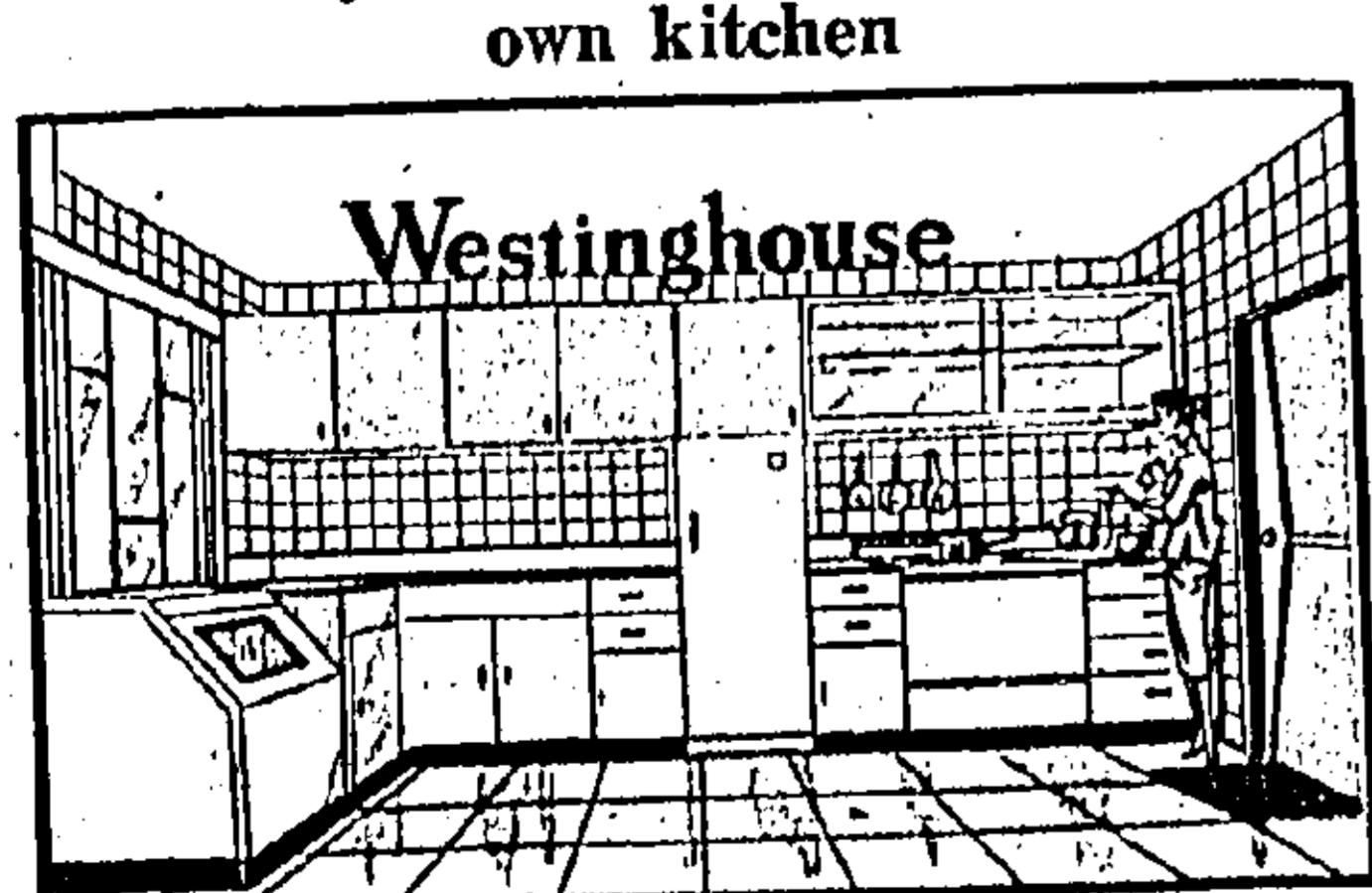
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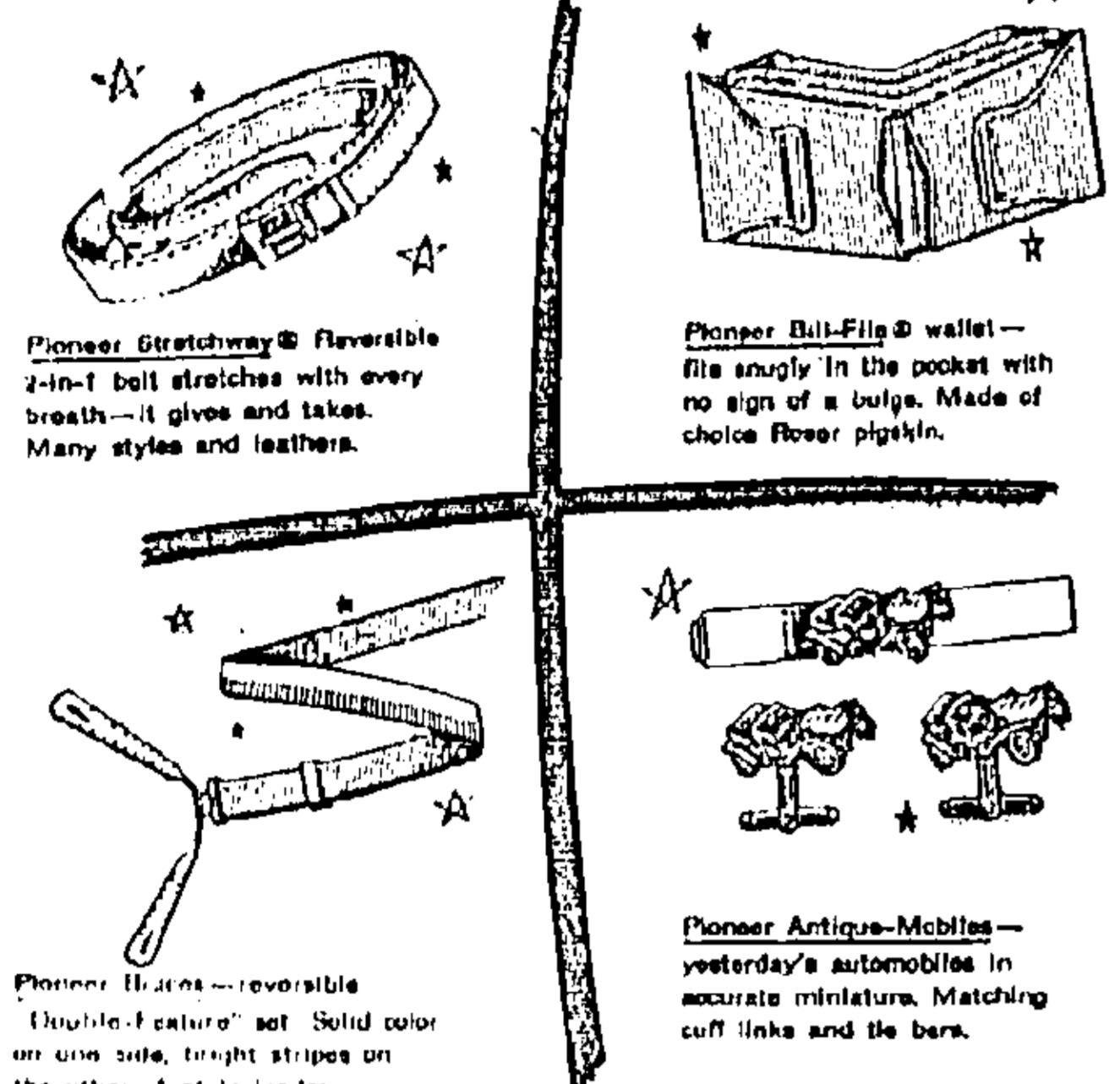
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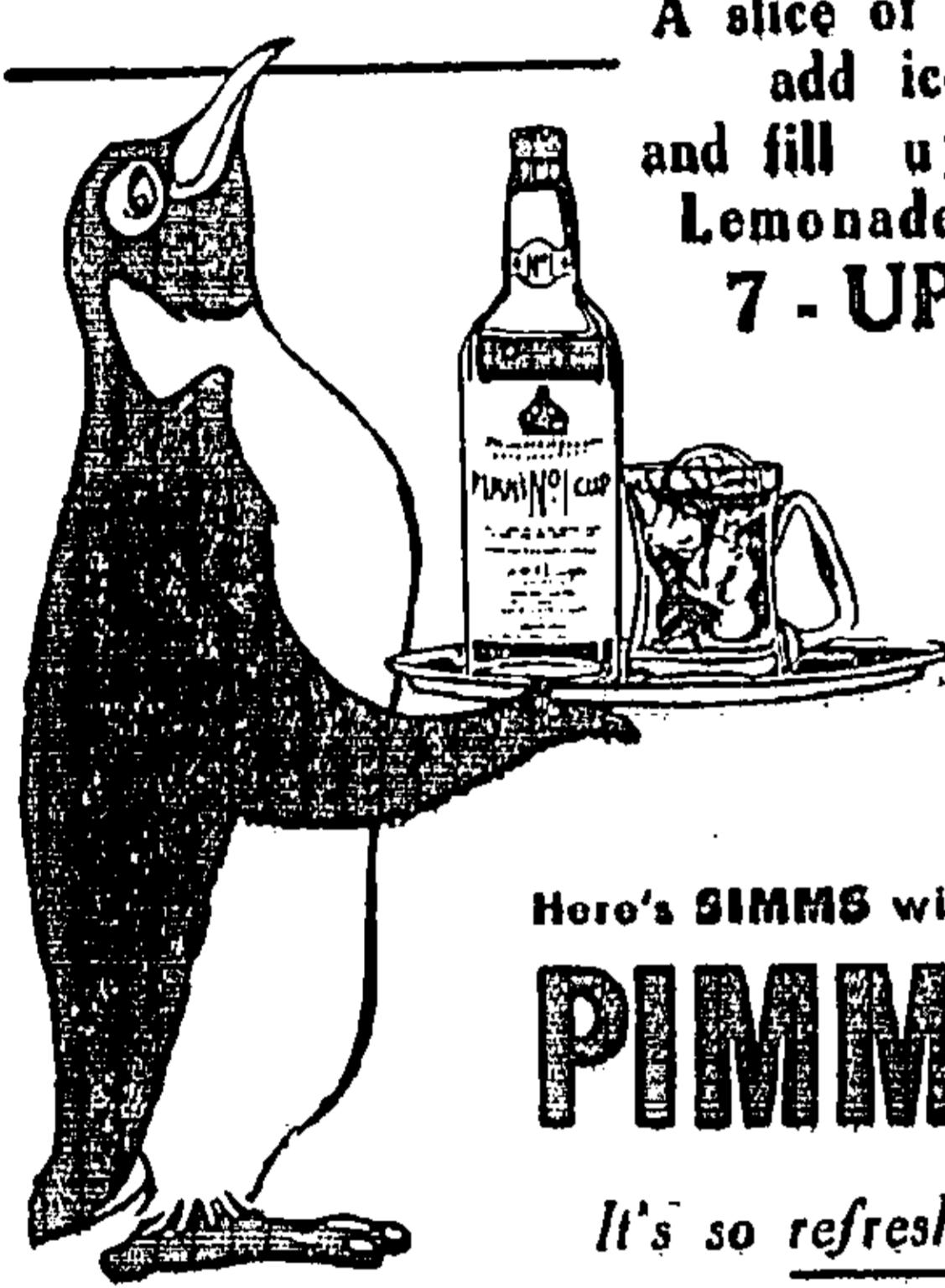
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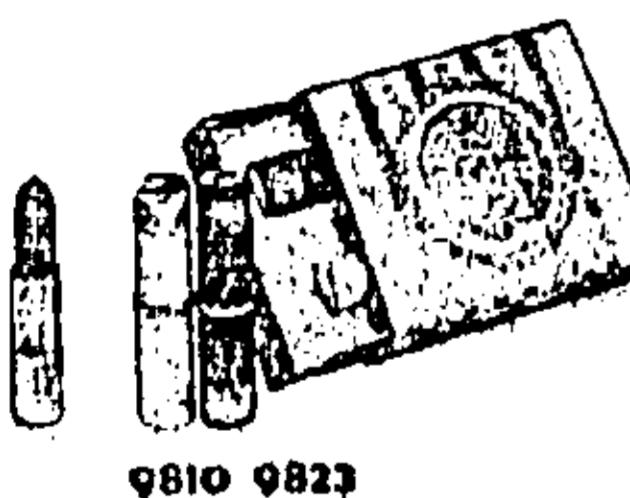
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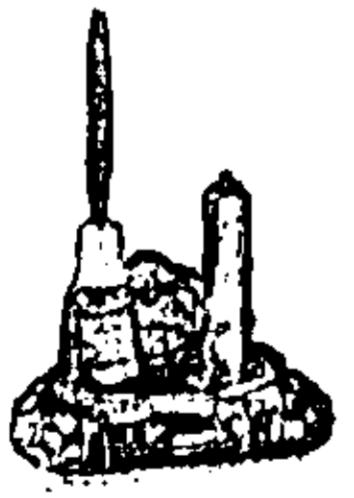
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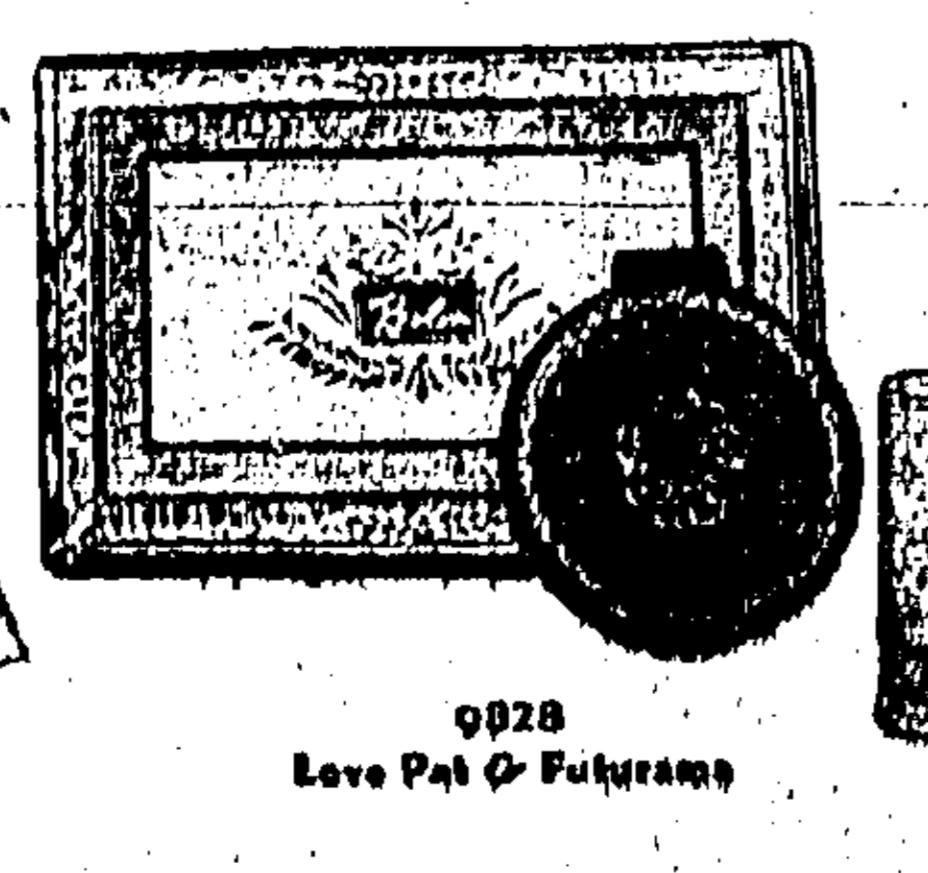
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# CHRISTMAS AT HOME

## ENTERTAINMENT MADE EASY

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### RISOTTO

#### POTAGE PUREE BONNE FEMME

#### COLD SPICED BEEF, RED CABBAGE

### PICKLE

#### OR

#### TERRINE AND SALAD

#### POMMES de TERRE EN ROBE de

#### CHAMBRE SOUFFLEES

#### MINCE PIES WITH WINKFIELD

#### MINCEMEAT

### OR

#### STICKY GINGER CAKE WITH CHEESE

I HAVE chosen this Christmas luncheon on the assumption that the family is together and the mistress of the house, while wanting to provide a good meal, will not have a lot of time on the day to do the cooking.

Risotto is popular and economical and needs little preparation. If you prefer soup, Potage Puree Bonne Femme is delicious and can be made beforehand up to the point of adding the liaison.

I chose Cold Spiced Beef because, to my way of thinking, this is a classic Christmas dish. It too, can be made well ahead of time. The Terrine, which is offered as an alternative, is more economical, though very good.

The Mincepies could be made the day before. And as many people like Sticky Ginger Cake as an accompaniment to Cheese, I have included it as an alternative.

### RISOTTO

Risotto is an important dish. Properly made, it is delicious. It may be used as the main dish of a simple meal or, enriched with additional ingredients, it is suitable for a more important one.

### Ingredients

6 oz. rice  
1 1/2 oz. butter and 1 oz. to finish  
2 oz. onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic crushed (optional)  
1 pint stock  
A pinch of nutmeg  
Bouquet garni  
1/2 oz. grated cheese

### POTAGE PUREE BONNE FEMME

This is a smooth cream soup, the main ingredients being leek and potato, but it is made with milk and a liaison of yolks of egg and cream is added.

### Ingredients

4 potatoes  
6 leeks  
1 1/2 oz. butter

Tomato puree and garlic are both good additions to the above ingredients, the garlic being put with the onions and cooked in the hot fat, then the tomato puree being added with the stock.

Keep for a week, turning and rubbing each day. Make a paste of flour and water, wrap the meat in this and bake for about 2 hours in a baking tin with a little water in the bottom. Allow to cool, strip off the crust, let the meat get absolutely cold before carving.

RED CABBAGE PICKLE

### Ingredients

Red Cabbage  
Salt  
Spiced brown malt vinegar  
To make the spiced vinegar, add 2 oz. pickling spice to each quart of vinegar, bring to boiling-point and allow to cool.

TRY MIXING

Instead of matching, try mixing next time you set a festive table. The greater the variety of china and glassware used, the more imaginative and decorative the table will appear. You must, of course, use good judgment. You can't combine haphazardly but must work around a theme.

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2 yolks of eggs  
1 gill single cream or top of milk  
Croutons of fried bread.

Shred the cabbage finely, sprinkle with salt and leave for 24 hours. Pack in jars and fill up with cold spiced vinegar.

### TERRINE

Preparations for this dish must begin 2 days in advance.

### Ingredients

6-8 rashers of streaky bacon  
3/4 lb liver  
1 small onion  
1 clove of garlic  
3/4 lb sausage meat  
Seasoning  
2 hard-boiled eggs  
1/2 teaspoon chopped herbs  
1 lb lean veal, pork or game  
Bacon and water paste  
Jellied stock (approx 1/2-1/4 lb)

Take a small earthenware terrine. Line across the bottom and sides with bacon. Mince the liver with the onion and garlic and add to the sausage meat. Season well, add the chopped eggs and herbs, and put a layer of this forcemeat on the bottom of the terrine.

Rub through a sieve, add gradually the yolks of egg beaten into the cream, and then cook over a slow fire without stirring. Serve with the remaining leek, shredded, blanched and drained, scattered over the top of the terrine, and with croutons of fried bread.

### COLD SPICED BEEF

The cold table is essentially an indication of a certain degree of plenty. The dishes on it are not contrived out of a penny-worth of meat, nor can they be prepared in a few moments eked out of a busy day away from the kitchen.

Spiced beef should be thought about, ordered, and prepared some days before it is eaten. If the spicing and pickling preliminaries are hurried, the meat instead of being melting and creamy, will be hard and unpleasing.

When boiling point is reached, cover the pan slightly, weighing the lid if necessary, and continue cooking by gentle simmering. The risotto should be ready in 25-30 minutes, the rice tender, and all the liquid absorbed. Since some kinds of rice take less time than others, it is well to look at it after 20 minutes' cooking. When ready, remove the bouquet, add the cheese and butter broken into small pieces, mix in lightly and carefully with a fork.

Split the garlic and insert into the meat, rub the surface of the joint well with sugar and leave for about 12 hours. Then rub with a mixture of allspice, saltpepper, and finely chopped bay-leaf, and rub over well with salt.

Keep for a week, turning and rubbing each day. Make a paste of flour and water, wrap the meat in this and bake for about 2 hours in a baking tin with a little water in the bottom. Allow to cool, strip off the crust, let the meat get absolutely cold before carving.

TRY MIXING

All glasses go into rich, hot suds first. Silverware comes next, followed by plates, bowls, cups and saucers. Then, finally, do the porcelain pans.

Follow this system and washing dishes will be easier and fragile pieces less likely to be broken.

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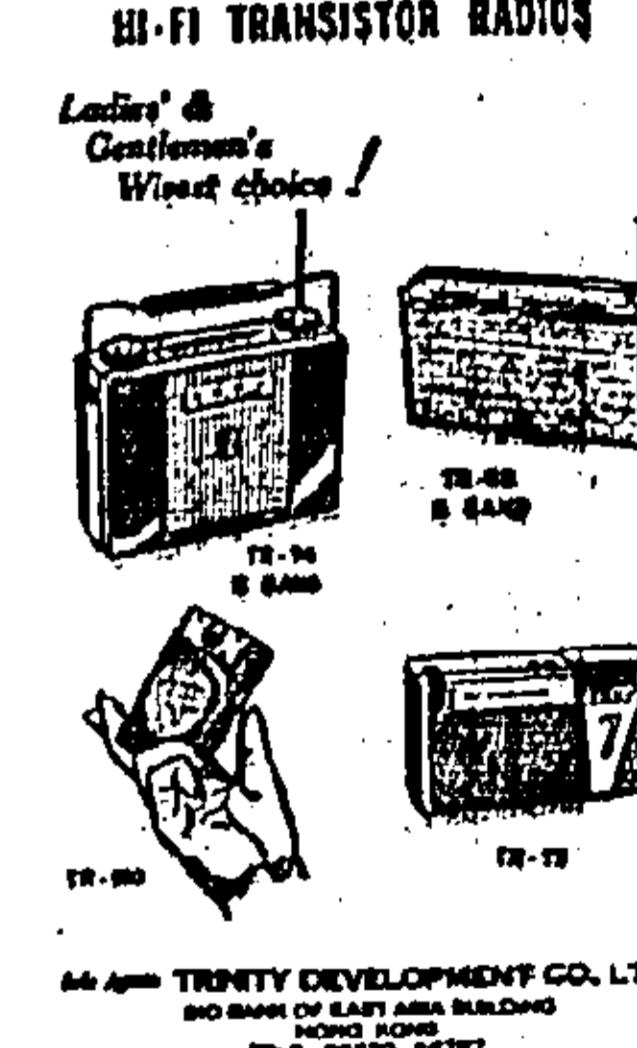
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# Odd Things Happen At Christmas

**T**HE oddest things happen at Christmas. Like the case of a beaming Santa, in red cloak and white beard, who was stopped at Geneva Airport on Christmas Eve last year for wearing a "foreign uniform."

Police said it was likely to endanger Swiss neutrality, and sent him home to Holland on the next plane.

Another Santa landed feet-first in trouble at a Boston store. He accidentally trod on a little boy's foot. And the parents sued him for £6,000 damages.

It was an uncomfortable but lucky Christmas for 45-year-old Leo Pak Nee, of Kedah, in North Malaya. A crocodile attacked him while he was fishing in a river on Christmas Day, and bit off his wooden leg. Leo hopped to safety.

Twenty-three-year-old Mrs Luisa Tuffano, of Naples, was enjoying a Christmas Day drive with her husband. Only half an hour out, and on a busy highway, she asked him to stop

*By CYRIL N. SMITH*

strangled wife cashed the cheque.

Christmas holds no joy for Scott Garrison, of New Mexico. For years he had to go into quarantine every Christmas because the smell of evergreen and the sight of sweets and good things to eat makes him violently ill.

It's not illness, but dressiness at Christmas that spells trouble for Bernard Olsen, of New York. Twice now he has been taken to court for drunken driving on Christmas Eve.

An unfortunate woman in Britain spent one Christmas Day in a railway siding. She set off on a train trip to spend Christmas in Liverpool with relatives.

But, changing trains in a hurry, she got into a "Ladies Only" compartment. Somebody locked it—and before she realised that she was on the wrong train, it had been shunted into a siding. She shouted and banged on the windows, but her cries were not heard until the morning of Boxing Day.

It was an embarrassing Christmas for a big department store in Lansing, Michigan. Worried that so many goods were being stolen during the Christmas Eve shopping rush they took on an extra store detective. The new man soon nabbed the thief in action. It was the resident detective.

Christmas, 1955, wasn't so enjoyable for a hard-up Philadelphia lawyer, either. On Christmas Day, ten years before, he gave his wife a cheque post-dated December 25, 1955, for 76,000 dollars (£26,000) as a joke. But the lawyer's fortune grew, and in 1955 his new

station odd-job man Jean Perrin. He suddenly found himself the star and producer of the entire Christmas programme of the French radio and television systems. His audience: an estimated 15 million.

It was the only programme broadcast that day, for the radio and television technicians had

while a ticking parcel was investigated. It proved to be a battery-operated Santa buzzing busily away.

Christmas in the little mountain resort of Elencville, in the Catskill Mountains (U.S.), was a chaotic affair two years ago. A shortage of 1,300,000 dollars in its funds forced the town's biggest bank to shut a few days before Christmas.

The bank manager spent Christmas in jail while his depositors chased around for Christmas spending money.

Christmas Eve brought a pleasant surprise for Mrs Sally Schwartz, of Sherman Oaks, California. Inside a little brown-paper package posted to her on Christmas Eve two years ago were the 3,700 dollars' worth of jewellery stolen from her house while she was attending the funeral of her husband, songwriter Jean Schwartz, whose hits included "Chinatown."

There was an anxious search for a large sawdust-stuffed Santa which disappeared from a Greenville (South Carolina) carpet factory's window. In its place was a note which read:

"I have your kidnapped Santa. Don't try any funny stuff or I'll turn him into sawdust and spread him all over Greenville. You'll get him back for 10,000 dollars."

The ransom was not paid, and Santa was found on Christmas Eve hidden under a hedge on the outskirts of the town.

And twice he has pleaded that it was not drink that influenced him but the aroma of his roller-polish, knockabout and yetost.

Rolepolish, knockabout and yetost—Scandinavian meat and cheeses—are the Obens' regular Christmas fare. But in a hot car, their smell becomes overpowering. Not drunk, ruled the judge.

In the dawn silence of Christmas Day, 1951, two young Scottish Nationalists emerged stealthily from the precincts of Westminster Abbey

Between them, they carried a heavy and sacred object—the Stone of Destiny, symbol of Scottish "freedom," which had lain peacefully beneath the old Coronation Chair for 650 years.

The abduction of the Stone became world news a few hours later.

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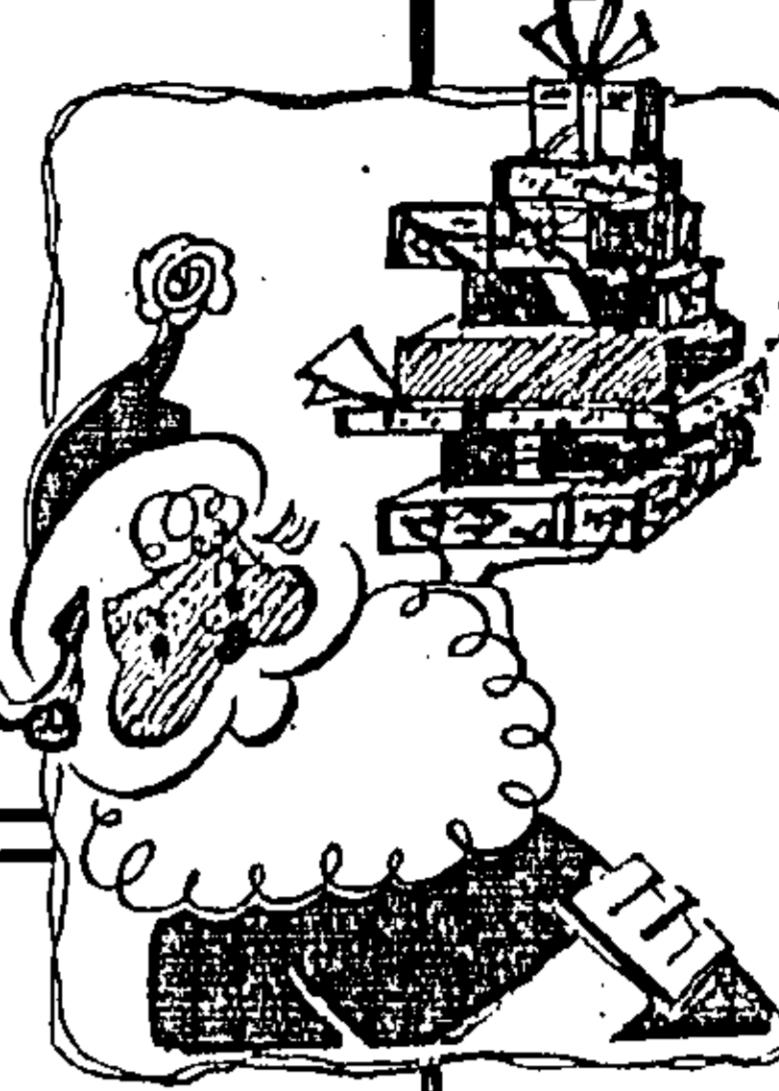
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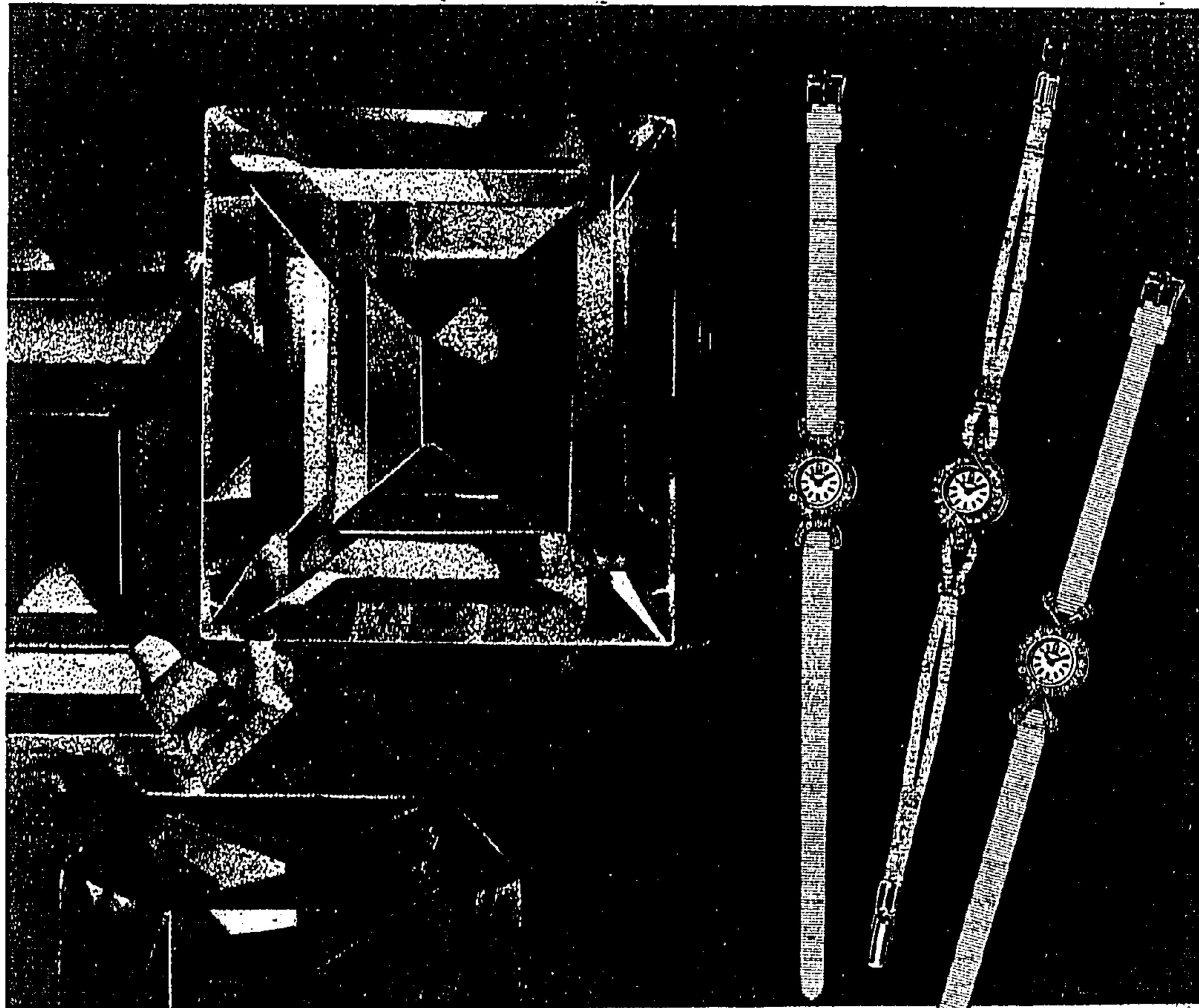
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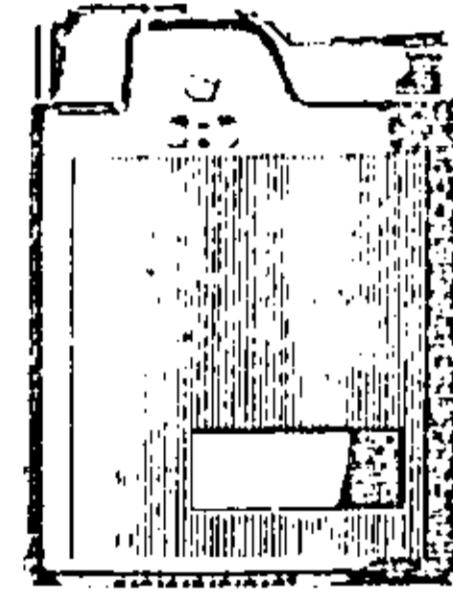


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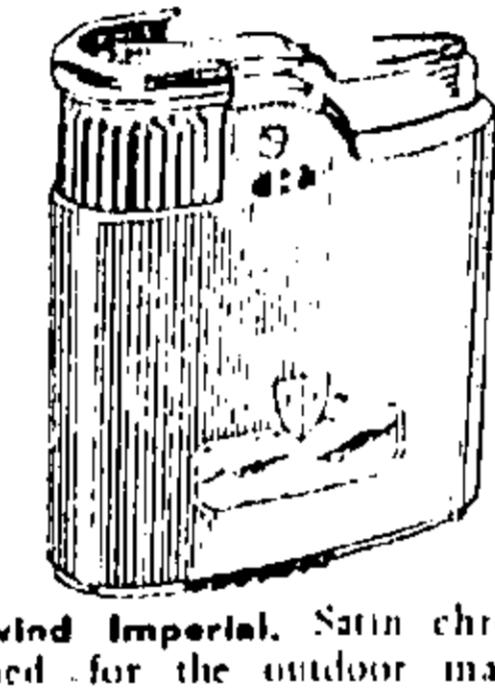
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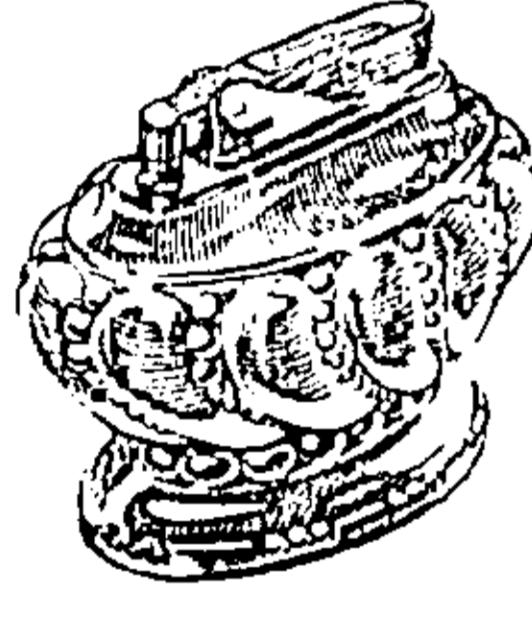
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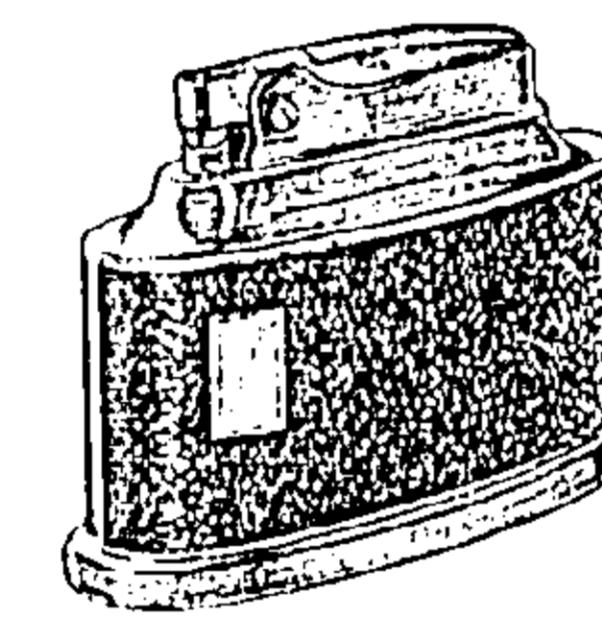
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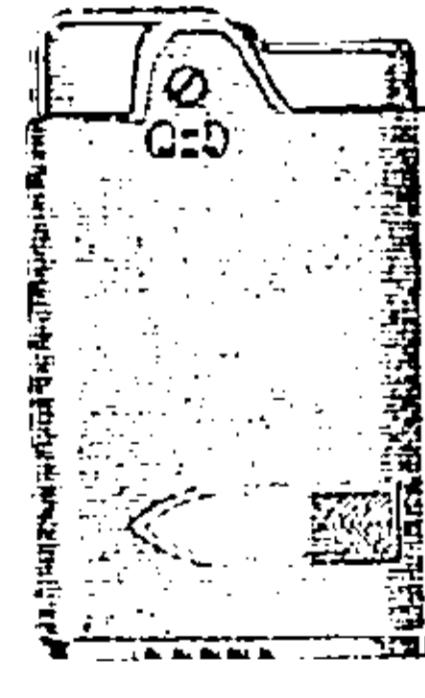
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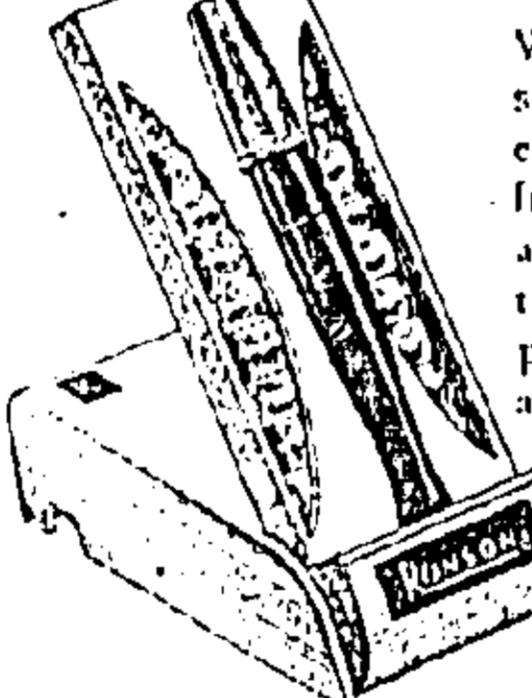
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## Did The Christmas Star Return?

**I**T was a clear bright day in Calabria and Tuscany. It was the Christmas season of the year 1220. Peace was on the world and peasants and prelates, alike, were preparing to celebrate and worship.

And then, at noon, three bright stars, so close together that they were almost one star, appeared in the sky.

People stopped and gaped. Sometimes in the early dawn or toward evening stars do appear in daylight. But not often at noon.

Besides, this cluster of three stars was unlike any constellation that anyone had seen before. They were enormously bright and they stayed fixed as the afternoon wore on.

That day three men who were destined to be leaders and holy men of the Church were born: Thomas Aquinas, Ambrose of Sienna and James of Mevania. The first two were later canonised and the third was beatified.

The Christmas star had returned to mark a great turning point in the history of Christianity.

Or so tradition has it. The tradition is recorded in a life of the saints written in 1880 by Monseigneur Guérin, Chamberlain to Pope Leo XIII.

It is fair to say that historians are sceptical of the tradition.

Thomas Aquinas welded Christian theology and Greek philosophy together in a unity which made possible, for the first time, a unified view of the world.

He also proclaimed the faith in reason which has been motive power behind the intellect of Western man ever since.

Ambrose of Sienna was one of the great peacemakers of all time.

Ambrose strove to realise the Biblical promise of "peace on earth goodwill toward men."

He travelled up and down Europe. He quelled major disputes between Venice and Genoa and between Florence and Pisa.

He arranged a settlement between the Emperor Conrad and the Pope.

He reorganised government in Britain.

And he settled more than a score of other disputes before they got to the level of hostility.

More than once he encouraged to retire to a monastery to devote his life to contemplation. But, each time, some new dispute forced him to resume the active life.

He was chosen Bishop of Sienna but he refused the office on the grounds, which startled all of Europe that he was not worthy of it.

James of Mevania, on the other hand, never appeared on the large stage of history. He founded a monastic order in his home town and

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lectual progress of Western man power to synthesise knowledge into an intelligible whole, represents the search for truth.

Ambrose strove to realise the Biblical promise of "peace on earth goodwill toward men."

And James whose life was devoted to the poor and the down-trodden and to simple contemplation, fills the vital third role in the Christian mission.

Perhaps, if the Christmas Star did not appear in 1220, it should have...



## HOW IT ALL BEGAN

THE first certain reference to December 25 as Christmas Day is dated A.D. 354.

Some early patriarchs, including Origen and Clement of Alexandria, thought it sinful to celebrate Christmas.

December 25 was the birthday of the unconquered sun in the religion of Mithra, which flourished in the Roman Empire.

The Venerable Bede of Jarrow (A.D. 673-735) wrote:

"The ancient peoples of the Angli began the year on December 25, and on the very night that is now so holy they called in their language modranecht, that is mother's night."

In 1044, Oliver Cromwell's Government forbade by Act of Parliament any merriment or religious ceremonies on Christmas Day. Charles II repealed the Act.

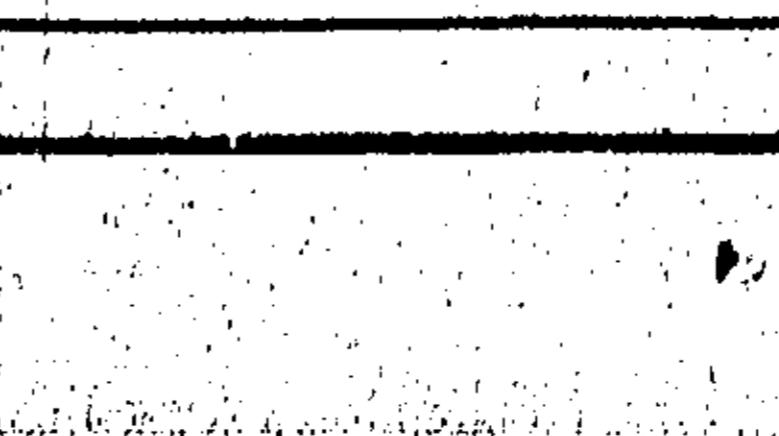
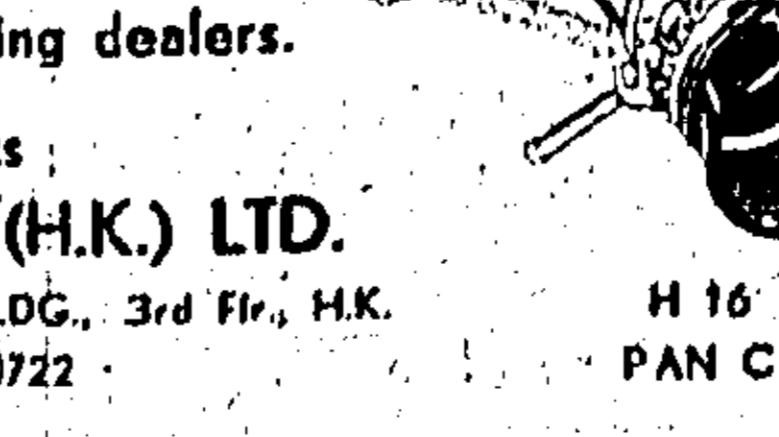
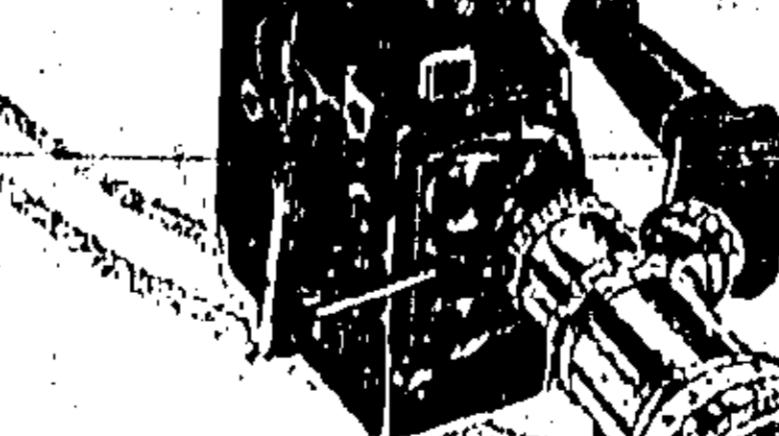
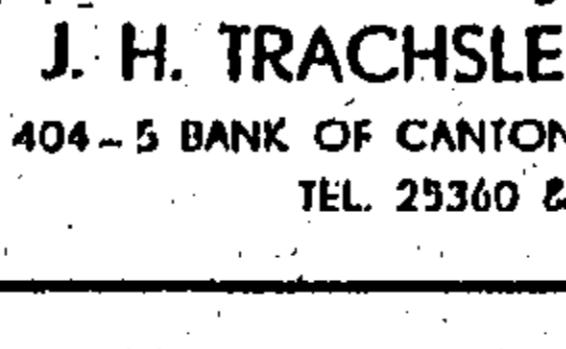
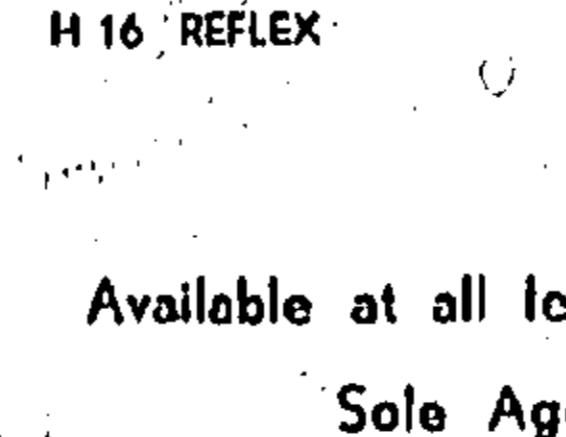
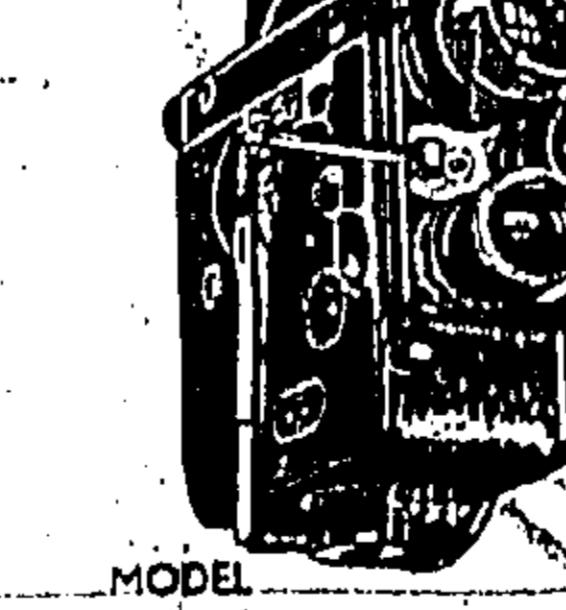
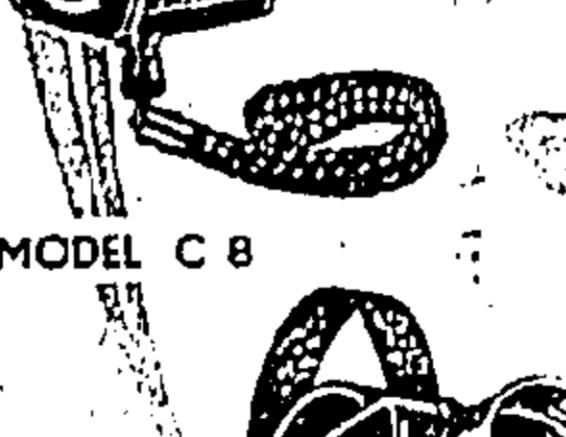
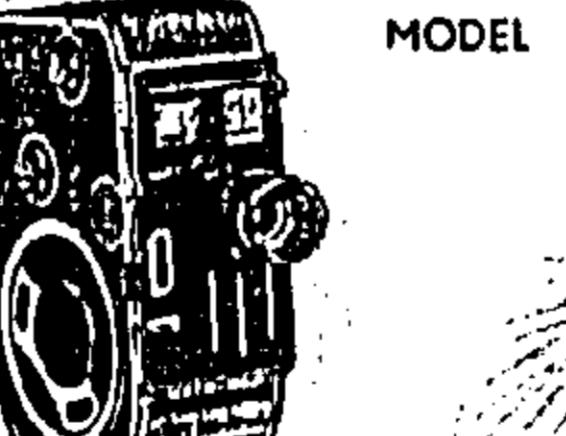
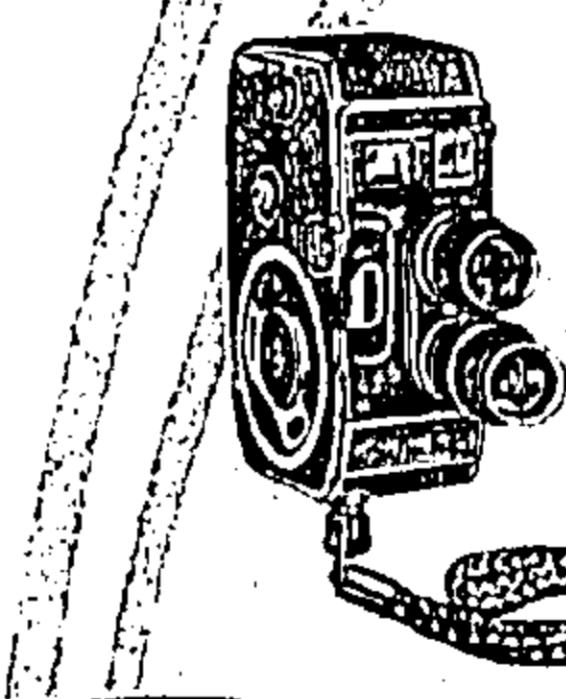
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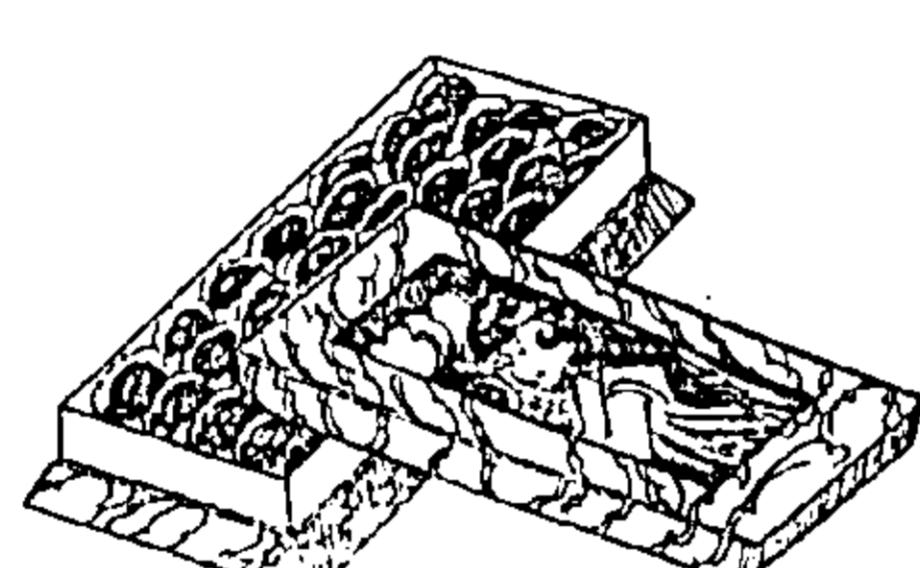
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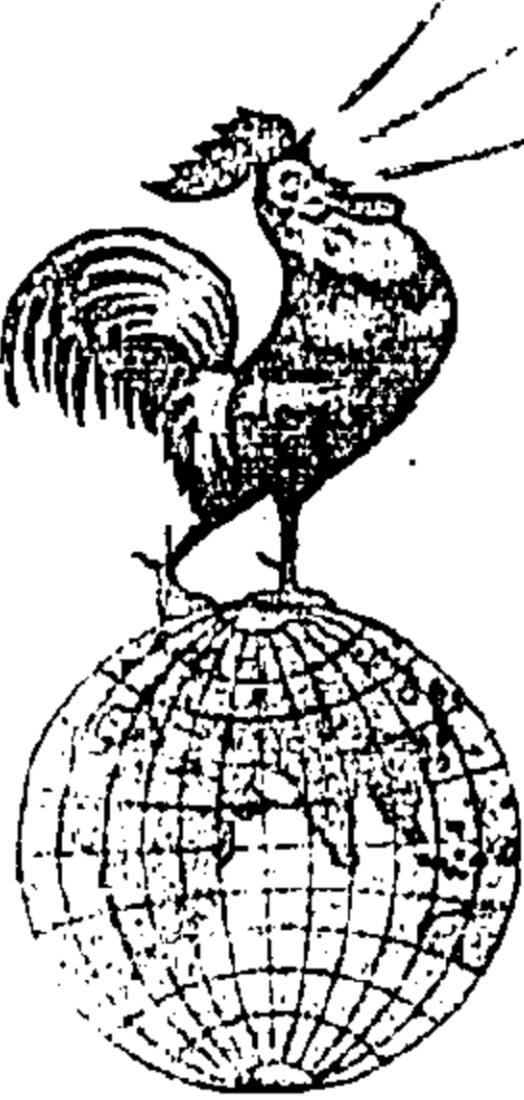
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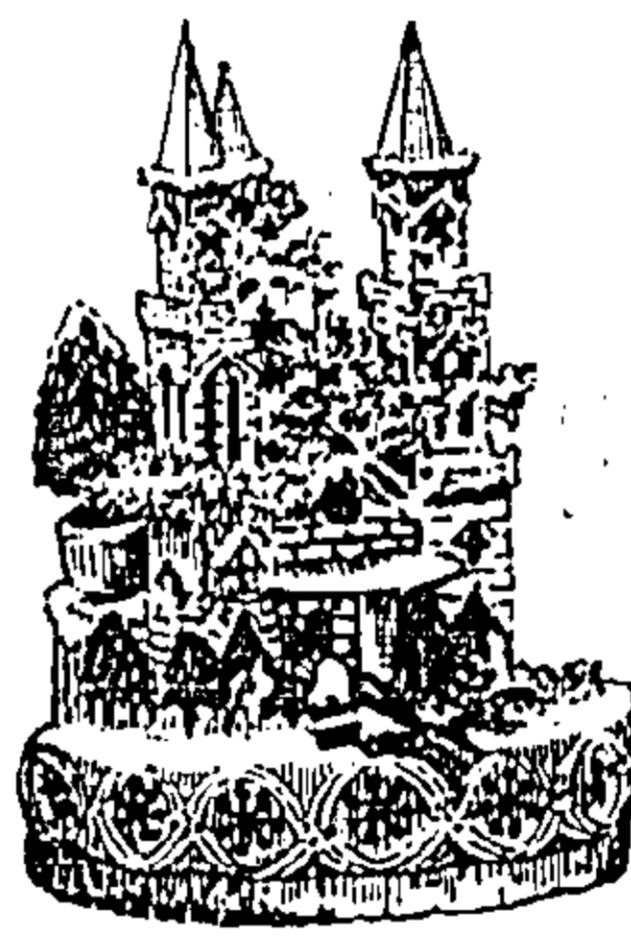
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955 WEATHER REPORT.

1000 TIME SIGNAL, RADIO NEWS.

1015 OUT AND ABOUT.

The Music of France Trumbetta.

1030 MUSIC FOR TEA TIME.

1045 LAST NIGHT FINAL.

Presented by Bill Howard.

1120 WEATHER REPORT.

1120 CLOSE DOWN.

## Sir John Talks On The Atom In Peace

Most of us have little or no knowledge of the atom, and we tend to look wistfully at the whole question of atomic energy, unable to forget that, not too long ago, research was almost wholly geared to the construction of atomic bombs.

Recently however, scientists have achieved so many spectacular successes in the application of atomic energy to peaceful purposes, that people are gradually being persuaded to forget their initial doubts and fears.

In a series of three talks, "The Story of the Atom", recorded for the BBC, Sir John Cockcroft gives an intelligent and enlightened view of these scientific marvels.

He traces the story of atomic development from the pioneer days of Lord Rutherford, father of atomic research with whom Sir John was closely associated, to the first atomic power station and the use of radio-active materials in the fields of medicine, agriculture and industry.

Sir John Cockcroft agrees with E. S. Wollaston the distinction of splitting the atom in 1932, for which they jointly received the 1961 Nobel Prize for Physics.

The first talk, "The Early Research", will be broadcast on Monday at 8 p.m.

## Is It Cricket?

This Monday night our guest artiste is pianist Wong Kuk-yung, who is well-known to radio listeners for her regular broadcasts.

The main work in her programme will be "Prelude, Chorale and Fugue" by Cesar Franck.

Monday Recital is at 9.15 p.m.

## Patchwork

On Wednesday evening at 9.15, the linking thread of the programme is the Christmas Song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

The subjects range from Gil Green talking about the problem of buying Christmas presents, a story about a Fir Tree, a visit to a children's party, Christmas poetry, a song from a Pantomime, a monologue from a young lady who played a private game.

Francis Allfrey and his guitar will be in the studio to sing verses and help introduce the many and varied pieces of material to be found in Wednesday evening's programme "Patchwork".

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## Return To Swansea

In February 1947 the poet Dylan Thomas paid a visit to an unfamiliar, badly bombed Swansea in search of a lost youth.

In this BBC Transcription programme, he describes his search for the Swansea he knew as a boy and as a young man.

In an introduction to the talk, his friend Wynford Vaughan Thomas says that although Dylan Thomas is the one modern British poet who has had the most universal appeal, his whole outlook is most firmly rooted in his local surroundings, above all, in his native town of Swansea. "Return Journey to Swansea" will be broadcast on Sunday evening at 8.15.

The contributors to this BBC programme "Is It Cricket?" include famous personalities such as Denis Compton, Norman Yardley, and ETHEL SMITH AT THE HAMMOND ORGAN.

1120 WEATHER REPORT, NEWS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1200 LUNCHTIME MUSIC.

1230 TIME SIGNAL (Contestant). The

Orchestra of the Opera-Contestants, Paris, cond. by Albert Wolff; Concerto No. 3 in C Minor Op. 35 by J. S. Bach, performed by Jeanne Marie Sammons (Piano) with The Boston Pops Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler; Concerto No. 1 in D Major (Violin) with Carlo Biniotti (Piano); Norwegian Rhapsody (Lento); "L'Orchestre Des Concerts" Leningrad, conducted by G. Svetlanov; "Elegy" (Instrumental).

2.30 WALKER PLAYS & SINGS.

1000 HOME AND HOSPITAL REPORT.

4.00 MUSIC FOR TEA TIME.

4.20 SING AGAIN.

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5.00 MUSIC FOR TEA TIME (Instrumental).

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6.30 THE ADVENTURE.

"The Adventures of The Famous Cowboy."

"Song of the Six-Gun."

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North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♦ Pass 3 N.T. Pass  
4 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Pass  
6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead — ♠ K

## JACOBY on BRIDGE

THERE are several ways to bid to six clubs with today's hand. The main point to note in the bidding is that North should try for a slam once South responds with two clubs to his opening spade bid.

There are also several ways to play the hand after the opening diamond lead, but only one way to make it.

South wins the trick with dummy's ace and can afford to play one, but only one, round of trumps. Then he must take three rounds of hearts and discard both of dummy's losing diamonds.

Now he should play the ace and another spade and there will be no way for the defense to be

## • BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

JAMARU nikeniza boda janmaru enough yesterday, "can buy now." The old proverb of shares and then sell them at a loss seems to me profit before he has paid for to be particularly applicable to them. But it takes a really situation, today. There is enterprising man to sell shares, wisdom in these old says, and— Before buying them in someone Prodnose: What does it mean? else's name, or to an anonymous Myself: It is meaningless, but partner who will sell them to that the natives are impressed. It has been reported so often under an assumed name. You Did not Distract say, "Men are then sell them in the ordinary Happy to oblige."

A CORRESPONDENT who evidently knows my background asks me how swordswomen are training. I myself began with major blenders, went to the blades of carving knives and small ornamental swords, and finally attempted a full-blown sword, which nearly choked me. On Fridays I used to confine myself to swordplay. I knew a man with a crooked throat who thought nothing of swallowing a sickle, handle and all. And once, at Walthamstow, he swallowed a circular saw for a bet.

The method

"A NYBODY with his wits about him," said Foul

protest in the Financial Times. Now I used to swordplay, I knew a man with a crooked throat who thought nothing of swallowing a sickle, handle and all. And once, at Walthamstow, he swallowed a circular saw for a bet.

TO counter the drop in recruiting for the W.R.A.F., shorter skirts and "more femininity" are being advocated. Can nobody design a tankless tunie for these girls? Coming

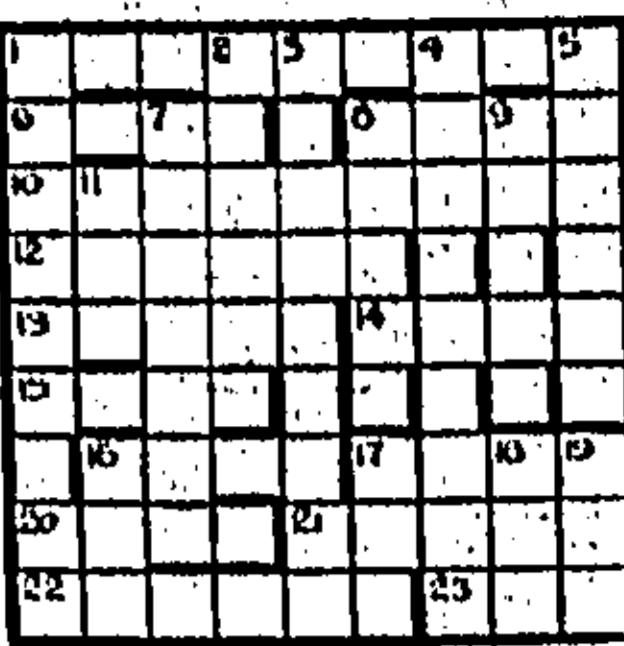
on top of the posse's demand for brown boots, this hotly

debated question shows that everybody is becoming very self-conscious. Personally, I detect

the blue serge knickerbockers worn by chartered accountants, but if it aids their labours, I

will content myself with a mild protest in the Financial Times.

## CROSSWORD



1. Venerable (6)  
2. Secret writing. (4)  
3. Vesuvius (4)  
4. Dog star. (4)  
5. Gut. (4)  
6. Gull. (4)  
7. Pava court. (4)  
8. Spotted stream. (4)  
9. Pasture. (4)  
10. Social class. (5)  
11. Less fair. (6)  
12. Ocean. (6)

13. Arches (6)  
14. Navigational danger. (6)  
15. Governmental (6)  
16. Matter of policy. (9)  
17. Enthusiasm. (4)  
18. Heron. (6)  
19. Guarded merrily. (10)  
20. Eyes. (6)  
21. Gobble. (6)  
22. Mainly. (6)  
23. Swallowed. (6)  
24. Yesterday's edition. (6)

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A priest who climbed up after him spent three hours persuading him to climb down again.

Last weekend, the same young man, John Bergman, 28, shot and killed two men during an armed hold-up. Bullets from the gun he used were identical in their markings with the one that killed a Viennese hotel porter during another hold-up a fortnight ago.

On the other hand, there is no sure thing play and this is the best percentage.

## WORDS

Q—The bidding has been:

East South West North

1 Double 1 ♥ 1 ♠

Pass

You, South, hold:

♦A Q 6 ♦K 10 7 3 ♦A J 9 4 4 2

What do you do?

A—Bid three spades. This is a slight overbid but two spades is inadequate.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

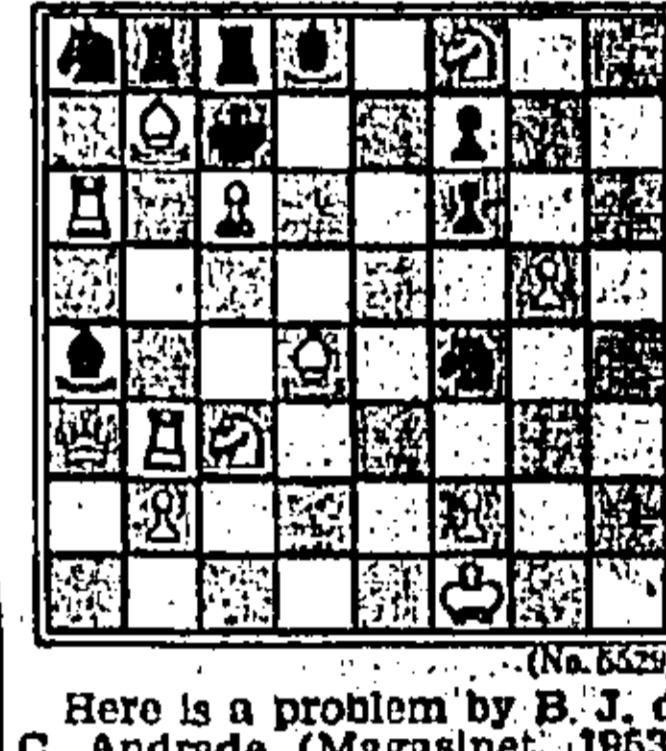
♦A Q 6 ♦K 10 7 3 ♦A J 9 4 4 2

What do you do now?

Answer on Monday

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: See yesterday's column for the solution.

Today's problem is from yesterday's column.

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# The MYSTERY of the MAGI

We Three Kings of Orient  
are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and Fountain, Moor  
and Mountain, following yonder star...

by HAROLD WALTON

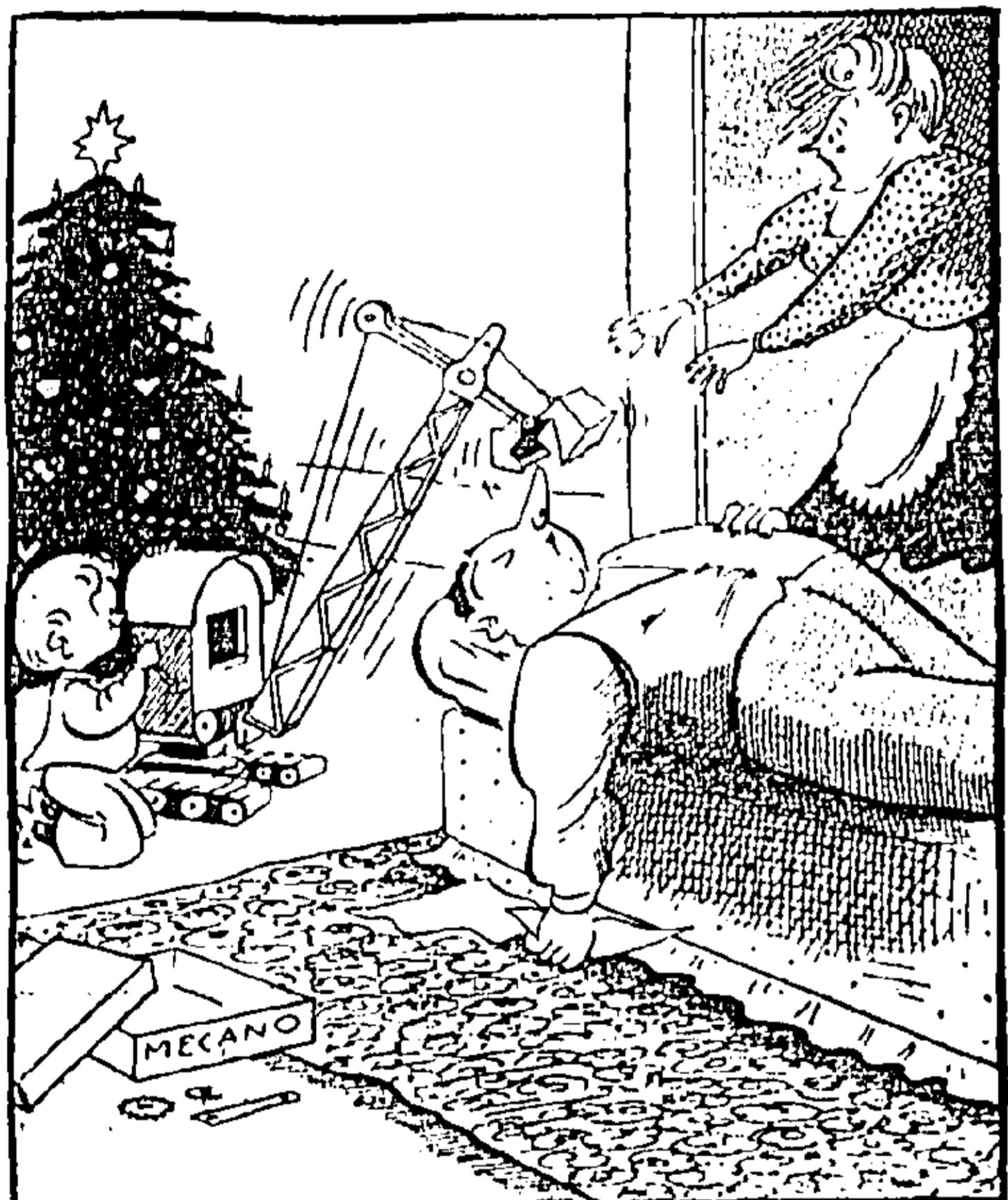
ON the 13th Day after Christmas they came:

Melchior with the gift of gold, Balthazar  
bringing incense, and Jaspar, the 'black  
Ethiopian,' who offered myrrh

So goes the lovely hymn at Christmastide. Yet how many children, lisping the words on our front porches or at the school's Christmas concert, ask themselves the question: Who were the three Kings of Orient who had thus travelled so far? And how much is known about them?

There is no mention of the Kings in Biblical Scripture. St Matthew, it is true, says that Wise Men from the East came to the Christ Child, but even he did not give their number.

Only from the gifts he names — gold, frankincense and myrrh — is it assumed there were three of them.



## Tantalising

What a tantalising question it is. Let us look back trying to answer it, to all that we know about the beginning of the legend. We may call it the Mystery of the Magi.

For the Magi were pretty certainly the wise men of whom St Matthew wrote. The Magi were the professional wise men of Persia — cynics might call them witch-doctors, but they were more priests than doctors — who in the earliest times had quite an international reputation.

Many of them must often have travelled in the Holy Land and what more natural than that some of these, their curiosity aroused by the stories which must have circulated about the Child who was born in a stable, should want to visit Him?

And there the matter might have ended, but for an extraordinary circumstance. Empress Helena. She was the mother of Constantine the Great, and (it is to be believed, though alas I am afraid it is not) the

daughter of our own Old King Cole, the British King Cole of what is now Colchester.

## Strange New Cult

The Empress Helena, by all accounts, was a very formidable woman, and she lived in that tremendous fourth century A.D., when the strange new cult of Christianity was beginning seriously to impress the minds of men. She herself was baptised somewhere around the age of 70, and she lived to see (through her son) Christianity become the official religion of the Roman Empire. And in her old age, if all is to be believed, she visited the Holy Land and the Holy places.

She is credited with discovering the true Cross and about the same time (though history is very vague on the subject) she found, apparently in Syria, though one version says Persia, the bones of the Three Kings and had them transported to her son's imposing new capital of Constantinople.

Thus was the seed of the Three Kings planted. The legend was to grow until in the Middle Ages everything seemed to be known about them. Even their names were given.

They were said to be Melchior, described as the King of Nubia, the smallest of the Three, who gave the Christ Child the gift of gold; Balthazar, King of Chaldea, of medium build, who offered incense; and Jaspar King of Tarshish, a tall and splendid "black-Ethiopian," who gave myrrh.

Nor, it seems from the legend, did they visit the Saviour alone. They were accompanied by all the barbaric splendour of kingship with crowds of servants and slaves, and trains of mules



and pack-horses. And they arrived on the scene of the Nativity when the Child was thirteen days old.

All this does not quite square up with the story told by St Matthew, who said the Magi, after worshipping the Christ Child, were warned in a dream not to return to the court of King Herod but "to depart unto their own country another way."

Surely the glittering panoply of kingship which the Middle Ages ascribed to them could not so easily have escaped the detection of the watching Herod!

Nevertheless, that is the story which flourished, and when their bones were removed from Constantinople to Milan they already had a firm place in popular esteem.

## Sacred Relics

In 1104 when the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa captured Milan, he presented the bones to Archbishop von Dusse of Cologne. The relics were then transported to the point where they could be brought down the Rhine to Cologne and so, in barges, they reached the place where they still rest.

The costly golden reliquary of Romanesque design, in which the relics were eventually enshrined, is the most precious treasure of Cologne Cathedral. It is in the shape of a church and depicts on its front the three Epiphanies to the Wise Men as the representatives of the pagan world, to the Jews at the baptism of Christ, and to all people on Judgment Day. In contrast to the glory of Christ, as shown on the front of the Shrine, His suffering and death are shown at the back.

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In 1248 the foundation of the present cathedral was laid. It was described then as a new cathedral to be built over the golden house of the Wise Men.

But the bones of the Magi have not rested entirely in peace. In the fourteenth century they were removed to a nearby chapel, and in 1794 the Shrine was carried away from Cologne and hidden to save it from the French who used the cathedral as a hay magazine.

## Moved Again

In 1830 they were moved again, this time to the Eiffel Mountains to protect the Shrine from Allied bombing. When the Shrine was returned in 1946 it was at the head of a triumphal procession and laid in the high altar of the cathedral. There it is today, in what originally was meant to be the pivotal point of the whole cathedral.

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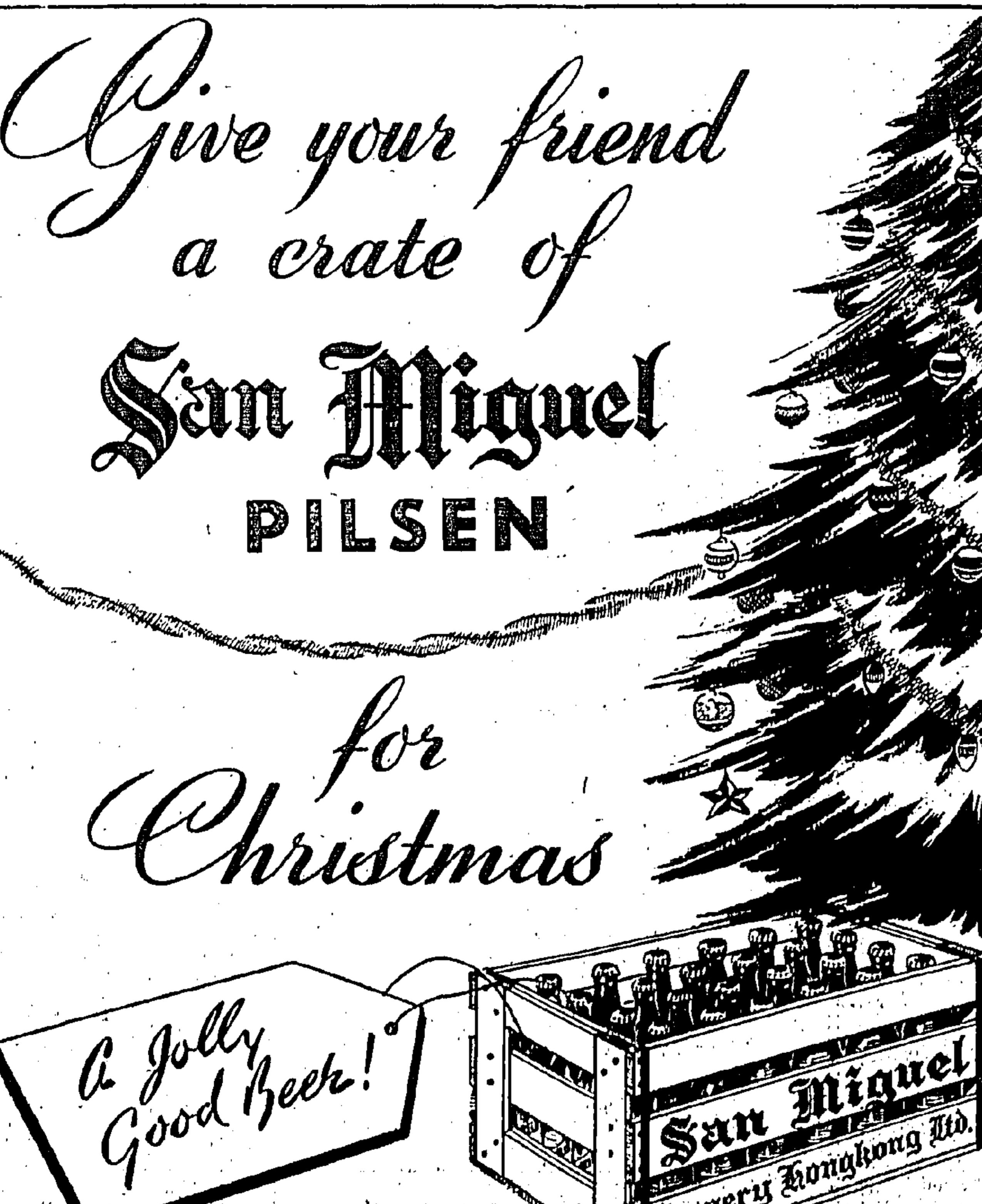
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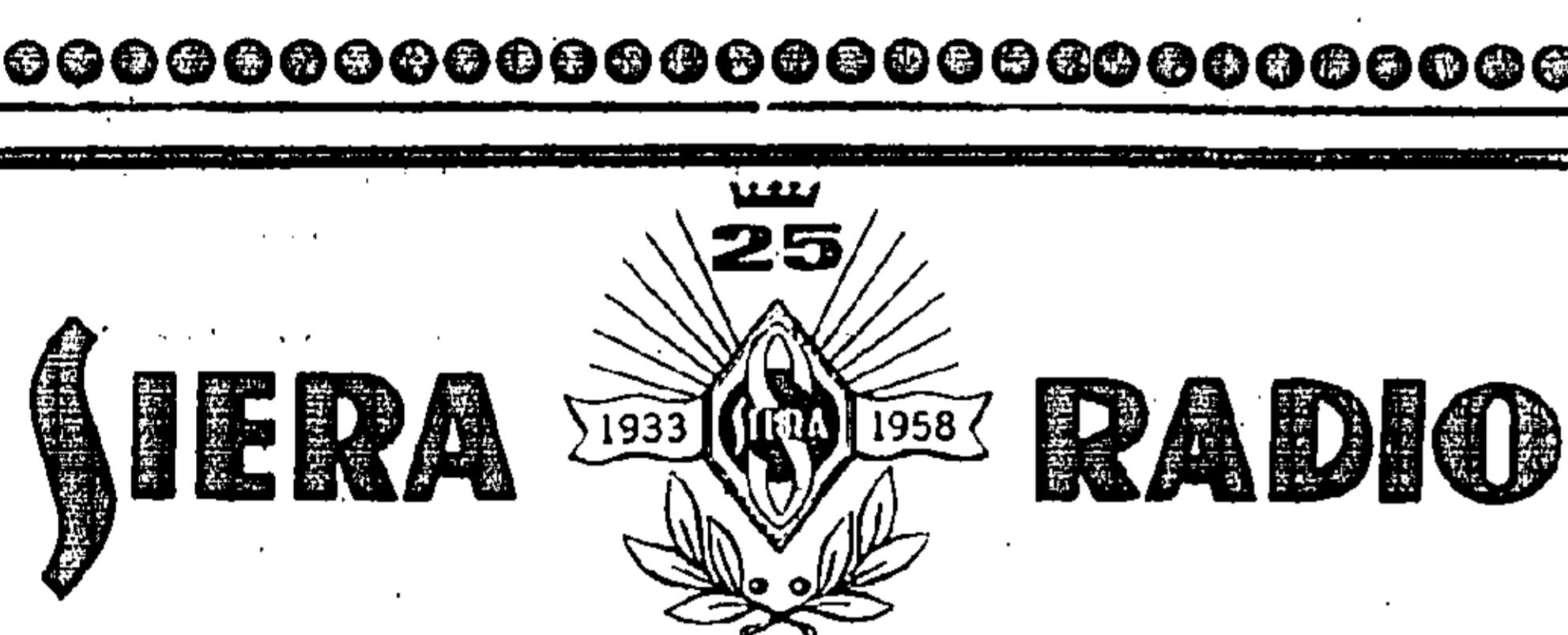
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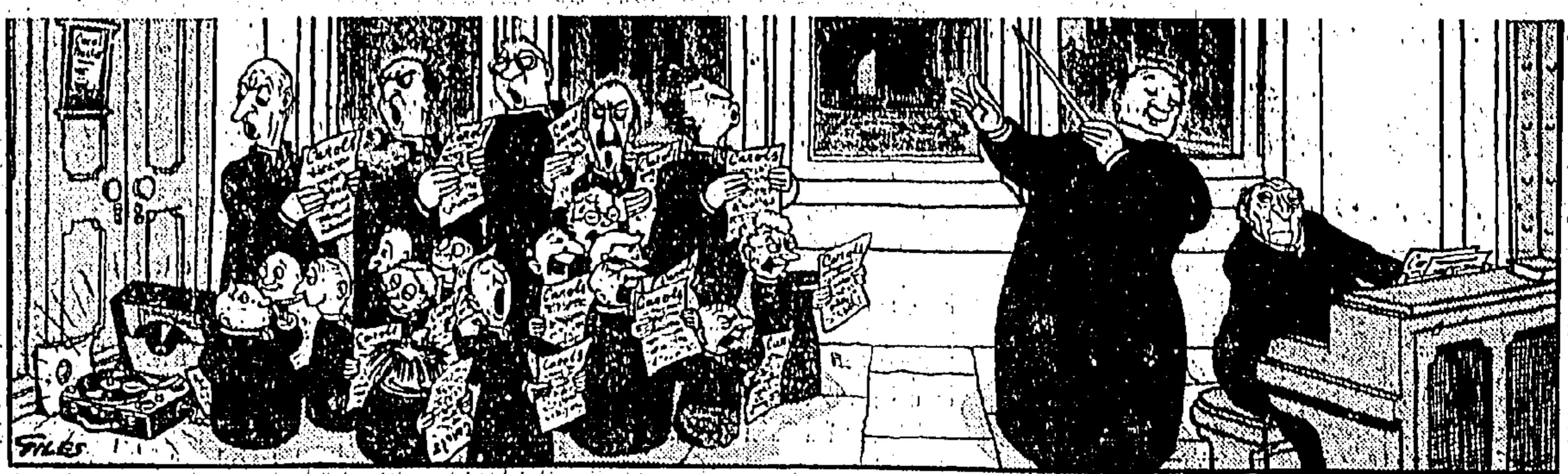
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## Father Christmas — In Person

### By Father Christmas (Stanley Ross)

He claims the title: Premier Father Christmas of Great Britain. Stanley Ross is an actor from the old music-hall days. For 28 years he has been Father Christmas in the toy bazaars of several London stores. He is 88. Here is his Christmas story as told to Harold M. Harris.

ALL these years I've played it straight. When I first got the part, it's just as important, I said to myself, as a star role in a play. Whether it's Father Christmas in a toy bazaar or Hamlet at the Old Vic—I've never played Hamlet, mind you. But, my goodness, I could tell you stories of some other parts I've played.

But let me see now. Stories about me as Father Christmas. I suppose it is my biggest part really, when I think of the fan mail I've had—oh, yes, I was going to tell you about that time ago, and I forgot, you know. I sometimes wondered what happened to her, and then finally enough, I got a letter last week that reminded me of her.

A lot of children write me letters, of course. You ask any Father Christmas, I suppose they think there's more chance of getting what they want if they put it in writing.

"What's your name?" I say to them. And then they press their little letters in my hand, and I say, "Thank you, my dear, but I haven't time to read it now, so I'll keep it till to-night, when my reindeer have taken me home."

I always do read them, mind you. And if there's any address are quite well. Kind regards, on them they're usually sent a Amy Higgins."



He claimed the title: Premier Father Christmas of Great Britain. Back in his music-hall days Stanley Ross called himself the Man in Violet. Then for nearly 30 years he played his best-known role—Father Christmas in one of London's big stores.

And then she put the P.S. talking doll last year. Dad got that's stayed in my mind all these years.

"P.S." she wrote, "I know I remember her first letter because it was so different from the others I get. She didn't just say what she wanted herself for Christmas—a talking doll, I think it was. But she made a long list of all her relations and what she'd like for them, last week that reminded me of her.

Given it a bit of thought, she had. This was in nineteen-thirty-something, you know, before the war. They were hard times, no money about, and all those unemployed. And I remember Amy asked Father Christmas for a job for Dad and a pair of hands for Mum—I suppose she'd heard her mother say, "If only I had another pair of hands!" and she'd put it down on her list the way children will. They take things very literally, you know.

She asked for a pair of foot-ball boots for her brother, Sam, and a lot more besides. She finished politely: "I hope you'll always send it again—a nice, chatty letter it was."

"Dear Father Christmas," she said: "You forgot to give me that Christmas."

Well, I'm afraid there was nothing I could do about it.

Times were bad, as I said. There were plenty of children in orthopaedic hospitals and no health service to give them wheelchairs. But I thought of Amy Higgins and her friend, Ernie Palmer, quite a lot that

Ernie Palmer, quite a lot that

course, I never actually saw Amy, not knowing that's who it was. She was just one of the thousands of children who crowded into the store's bazaar.

One of the hundred who brought me letters. And the following year she did it again—a nice, chatty letter it was.

"Dear Father Christmas," she said: "You forgot to give me that

and then I gave one to Queen Mary. She said I was the finest Father Christmas she'd ever seen.

When they'd gone, the manager came running up, very hot under the collar...

"What did you give Queen Mary?" he asked. "Surely you didn't give her a toy?"

"Fancy him thinking I could be such a fool! I know she was coming and I had a present all ready for her—a nice box of blue stationery."

"But where was I?" was telling you about Amy Higgins, wasn't I? To tell you the truth, I forgot about her 'till the other day. Then I got a letter just like hers—you know, making a list of the whole family and saying what they all wanted for Christmas. Well, letter-writing runs in families sometimes, and I know Amy Higgins is a fairly common name. But that's how this one is signed, too."

She wants a chemistry set for herself—that's a funny thing for a girl to ask for. And a spacesuit for her brother Jack. And a new TV set for her. Dad—maybe that's Sam, the brother of the first Amy Higgins, the one that wanted football-boots 20 years ago. You see, I think this Amy might be a niece of the other one because—here, look at the end of her letter.

"I hope you won't be cross with me for asking for such a lot," she says. "My Auntie Amy says you won't mind. She says she used to write long letters to you when she was a girl. Please give her and Uncle Ernie a new house for Christmas because they've grown out of the old one and now she's expecting again. Love to Amy Higgins."

But there, Amy Higgins is quite a common name, isn't it? And there must be millions of Ernests. I might even have got the names wrong after all this time."

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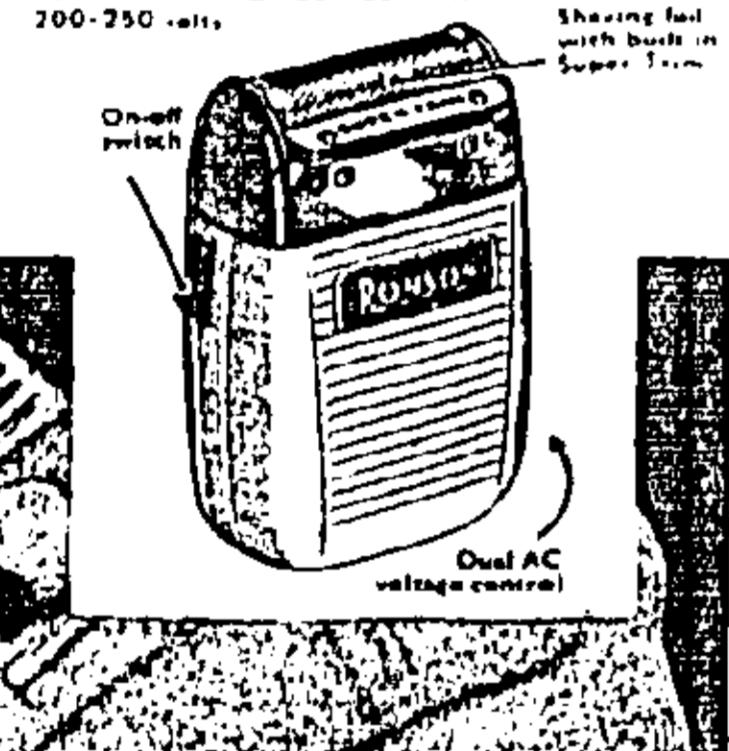
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## Three Hexangular Rugby Games Today CLUB, NAVY AND POLICE FAVOURED OVER ARMY 'N', ARMY 'S' AND RAF

There are three Hexangular and one 'friendly' games scheduled for this afternoon and spectators will be able to pick and choose which two they want to see, as the two grounds being used are next door to one another in Boundary Street.

In the big game of the day the Navy meet Army South on the Army ground at 4.15 p.m. In the earlier match Army North are at home to the Club at 3.00 p.m., whilst on the other ground at 4.15 p.m. the Police clash with the RAF in the third Hexangular match. As a curtain raiser to this game Club "B" will play RAF "B".

By

**Pak Lo**

weight behind him today he should win the majority of the scrums.

### Navy's 'Bete Noire'

In the lineouts Mander of Army South will again be the Navy's 'bete noire', and should get the ball back regularly.

In the loose it is anybody's guess who will win, but the Navy are usually the more bustling pack.

With a very strong three line behind them the Army South are today at maximum strength, with Sharp and Gould in the centre, but Clarke and Giberton are the weak links. Clarke has been off form lately and this has not helped Giberton who always takes some time to settle.

Altogether there is little to choose between the two XV's but Army South's weakest point is Navy's strongest and the Navy is this column's choice for the two points.

### Two New Players

In the other Hexangular, the Police have discovered two new players and as a result their lineup has been switched round.

Riach who has never succeeded with Lewis as his partner is dropped back into the centre of the three, with Johnson moving up to take over the fly-half spot, while newcomer Dunn, with a good reputation is the new full back and Fisher, also a newcomer appears on one wing.

### Win For Police

The Police pack is unchanged and should beat the airmen for possession of the ball. Just what the result of these switches will be is of course unknown but the Police have and always had the potential to win, and they could win this one.

The airmen oddly enough have also dropped their fly-half into the centre and produced a newcomer to fill the out-half spot.

The RAF pack is not on a par with the Police but their threes are definitely better. Again like the Police their weak spot is the two halves, and everything will depend on how the respective pairs do.

The Police with the larger share of the ball, if they play an open game for once as the RAF will presumably do can and should win, though knowing the Police a narrow margin is all that can be hoped for.

In the minor match Club "B" have quite a strong three line this weekend, with Wiggett in the centre and Cooke outside him as the more dangerous pair.

Their pack is as strong as ever, and they should get a steady three line, and give their threes every chance. The airmen's greatest strength lies in the centre of the threes where Burwood partners White, and while the RAF pack is no cliche, they do not give their threes the cover in defence that they will need today and the Club "B" should just win this match.

### The Teams

**Navy:** Freeman, De Merindol, Delaney, Robbins, Howells, Watson, Haengi, Ross, Isaacs, Strachan, Lees, Bristow, Stroud, Russell, Rogers.

**Army South:** Woodward, Birdsell, Sharp, Gould, Homershaw, Gilbertson, Clarke, Sharp, Lowe, Leverage, Mander, Garnett, Carney, Gibby, Lees.

**Club:** Lochrie, Browne, McTavish, Laville, Ingalls, Shaffer, Williams, Howe, Walker, Campbell, Steven, Penman.

**Army North:** Leppard, Beddoe, Cox, Boys, Jowett, Peasley, Wilson, Wynne, Muntz, Hill, Hodge, Whitmore.

**Police:** Dunn, Bellingham, Riach, Scott, Fisher, Johnson, Lewis, Purves, Cunningham, Shelley, Newton, Counsell, Haigh, Ross, Roberts, Touch-judge, Wilson.

**RAF:** Wilcox, Willingham, Martin, Radcliffe, Poynter, Lowe, Fletcher, Steer, Hill, Wright, Moss, Roberts, Brackenbury, Aherne, Conway, Touch-judge, Clegg.

**Club "B":** Martin, Hutt, Heenan, Wiggett, Cookem, Addis, Steward, Turner, King, Kilvert, Spencer, Collinson, Sank, Utley, D'Eath.

**RAF "B":** Fitchett, Sweating, Burwood, White, McShane, Blake, Hewitt, Richardson, Hooper, Straw, Forrester, Haigh, Bird, Segar, Campbell, Touch-judge, Robinson.

### Referees

Club v Army N. — Dow. Club "B" v RAF "B" — Grelg. Police v RAF — Collier. Army S. v Navy — Bowden.

## SPORTS QUIZ

- What happened at Iffley Road, Oxford, on May 6, 1934?
- What is the biggest total scored by a Test batsman in one innings?
- What was the Schneider Trophy?
- Name the cricketers who have recently flown out to Australia to reinforce the MCC touring party.
- Who was beaten in the Wimbledon men's singles final of 1935, 1936 and 1937?
- With which sports do you associate (a) Wally Groat, (b) Judy Grinham, (c) Gus Manning?
- Which sport did Ted Sloan revolutionise with his 'crouching style'?
- How many times do hockey players cross sticks in a half?
- Who won the 1949 British Open Golf Championship after a tie with Harry Bradshaw?
- Which British Member of Parliament holds a record number of England international rugby caps?

(Answers on page 31)

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## SATURDAY SPORTS SPOT

### Veterans Of Vim And Vigour Hold The Spotlight

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KENNEDY-SKIPTON... HAU YUNG SANG...  
AND COLONY TENNIS STAR DAO ALL HAVE ONE  
THING IN COMMON. THEY HAVE APPARENTLY DE-  
FIED THE NORMAL RULES WHICH PRESUME TO TIE  
AGE TO SPORTING PERFORMANCE.

One might well be pardoned asking why these wholesome and hearty veterans have continued to grace their chosen game when others of their time have long since taken quietly to the sidelines. What is the hidden quality that protects and preserves the performance of one sportsman from the ravages of advancing years while reaping such a rich harvest of retirements among others.

This is a question that has baffled many folks for a long long time and the latest astonishing achievement of ageless Archie Moore in retaining his World light heavyweight crown against the rough and tough challenge of a man some twenty years his junior will surely stimulate the argument all over again.

#### A Freak

Moore has been called a freak and a phenomenon, and doubtless many others things too, but the one fact that goes undisputed is that whether he is 42... or 45... or 49... he is still the best boxer in the world at his weight.

He has now amassed an all time record of 127 victories by knock-outs and there is surely no doubt that, accidentally or otherwise, he has found the secret—whatever it may be—of extracting from his superb

body, effort and stamina which many have believed to be away beyond a man of his age.

Stanley Matthews, who delighted the entire Hongkong football fraternity—with the possible exception of Lau Yee—by giving a couple of simply superb soccer displays here only a few months ago, is another sportsman of international repute who has seemed to have found either the key to sustained youth or the recipe for a vintage veterans.

#### Matthews' Secret

Matthews is of course something of a football 'fable' wherever the game is played. Many of the stories told about him are almost certainly highly coloured distortions of the truth but to speak to the Maestro, to appreciate his un-polished modesty, and above all to realise his unfailing belief in his own physical condition, is most reassuring.

Matthews does not go on and on because he has found some highly secret elixir. His achievements have been built

of a self-designed keep-fit

schedule that down through his career has been designed to PRESERVE the peak which he

aimed at and reached years ago. That is his 'secret'.

#### Great Mistake

Others of his time, who were also great sportsmen, accepted the 'glow' of youth and only started to make their big effort to re-capture it when they found it slipping away. That is the great mistake so many make. Once lost, the 'peak' can never be recovered and Matthews and Moore now share the limelight as 'two grand old men' because they realised the tickleness of form and played it straight all along the line.

On a lighter note I must tell you about a clever cartoon I saw recently which depicted a heavily bearded Matthews at the desk of the Old Age Pensions Office. He was leaning on a stick but was still leaning in his familiar 'old salts' kit. He was referring to his old age pension because he said that with his football wages it would put him in the super-tax bracket. The captain said simply "The Other Field Marshal".

#### Our Veterans

Moore and Matthews are probably the two most famous veterans in the world of sport to-day but right here in the Colony we have our own excellent examples of men who have continued to turn in first class performances while many sports-

men years their junior have become 'too old'.

In the cricket sphere we have of course men like Donald Leach and Harry Owen-Hughes, in lawn bowls we have Raoul Luz and Cradengowen's Bradbury, in soccer we have Hau Yung-sang and Ho Ying-fun, and in tennis we have Chau-ton Dao. There is too that most enthusiastic bundle of vintage enthusiasm G. S. Kennedy-Skippton.

He is still capable of walloping the foot and legs of the biggest majority of Hongkong's walkers, and finally in military circles there is probably the most versatile veteran of them all in Colonel J. J. Sullivan of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

It is a very interesting topic of conversation or argument so maybe you would like to exercise your thoughts on the question. What makes a veteran tick? Is it merely a case of physical condition... or will power... or a combination of both... or is there a deep secret which only the virile veterans know?

There is apparently mixed reactions to the fact that the forthcoming match between KMB and Police will now be played at the Hongkong Stadium instead of at Boundary Street which was the original venue.

By letter, telephone, and direct conversation I have been informed of various points of view on the matter and to say that there is a wide difference between these viewpoints is to put mildly.

#### The Facts

There are those folks who see the switch as a deliberate effort to hand the advantage to KMB whose players have been really engaged the games on the big grass. There are those who say that in the best interest of spectators a switch was necessary but that it should have been made to Caroline Hill or the Club Stadium as both teams have played there fairly frequently... but strangely enough in spite of some obvious benefits few folks seem to think that that move to the vast Hongkong Stadium is a good one.

What are the facts? The first fact is that in view of the current brilliant form of the Police team and their recent defeat of Tung Wah, the fans want to see them in action against the mighty Burners. The second fact is that the Police Ground at Boundary

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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

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MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

#### SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

#### CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$16.00 each per day and \$32.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguilar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 12th December, 1958 will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription and the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the last race on 20th December 1958 and Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Franco Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 14th February 1959, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at—

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Bookers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Toc men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,  
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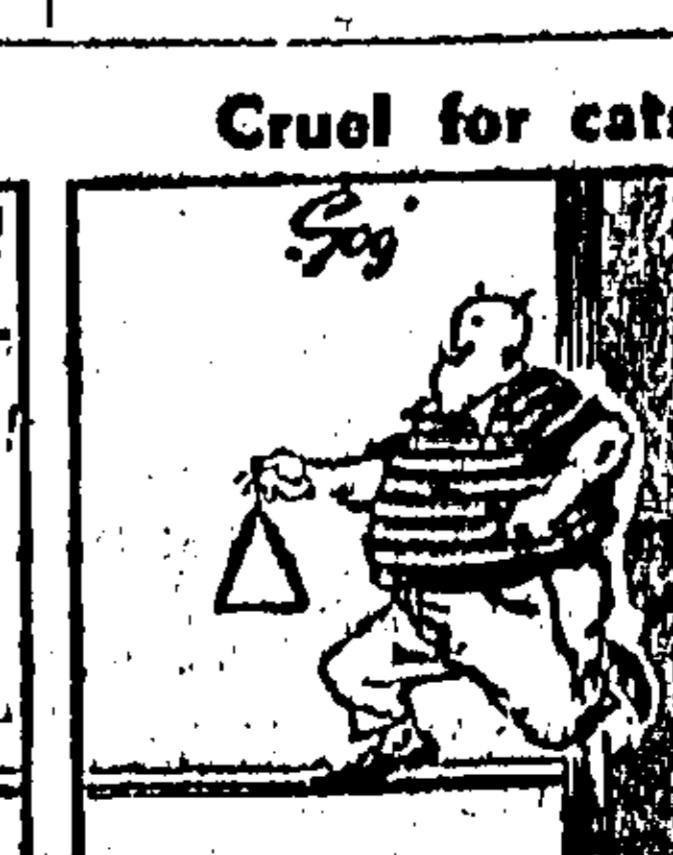
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# CRICKET LEAGUE CONCLUDES FIRST ROUND TODAY Four Teams Vie For First Division Lead

No fewer than four teams will vie for the honour of being at the head of the senior division cricket league table as the league concludes its first round this afternoon.

Fittingly enough, all these four teams, Optimists, Scorpions, Army South and RAF, have been drawn against each other in two matches which form the top highlights of this week's games.

The Optimists and the RAF are the current joint league leaders with 22 points each, while Army South and Scorpions are both three points behind.

## RAF For The Honour

On current form it looks likely that the airmen from Kai Tak will claim that honour, but to do that they will have not only to collect the full points from Army South at Kai Tak but also to depend on the Scorpions either drawing with or defeating the Optimists.

The airmen have shown impressive form especially with the ball in their last two or three matches, and despite the fact that Army South have improved greatly in the batting department, it is very doubtful if they can stand up to the accurate and hostile bowling of Birley, Metcalfe and Griffiths, especially if Green and Mortill fail to be among the runs.

Army South are a hard team to beat on their day as the Scorpions found out last week.

By ROBERT TAY

but are far from being consistent performers, especially in their bowling.

In the main the match between the airmen and soldiers will be a tussle between the airmen's batting and the soldiers' bowling. RAF will need at least 130 runs for this game, and ability to score them will see them at the top of the league table as the league starts its second round next week.

## No Lack Of Rivalry

There will be no lack of rivalry as the Optimists clash with the Scorpions at Chater Road in the other match of the day. The Scorpions' batting has fallen far below expectation during their recent few games—against Navy, Craggengower and Army South. On the other hand, the Optimists have been losing their form all round and the advantage should be slightly in favour of the Scorpions this afternoon.

## Second Division

The match between Craigenauer and Recreio has been postponed and in its stead, a friendly game will be played between the Valley Club and RCC at the Valley.

The second division games will be featured by the clash between the two top contenders of the league—Army South and RAF. The soldiers enjoy a slight advantage of playing on a home wicket.

This is expected to be a grand game between two formidable attacking sides. The slight superiority of the soldiers in the batting department may just about see them through this match.

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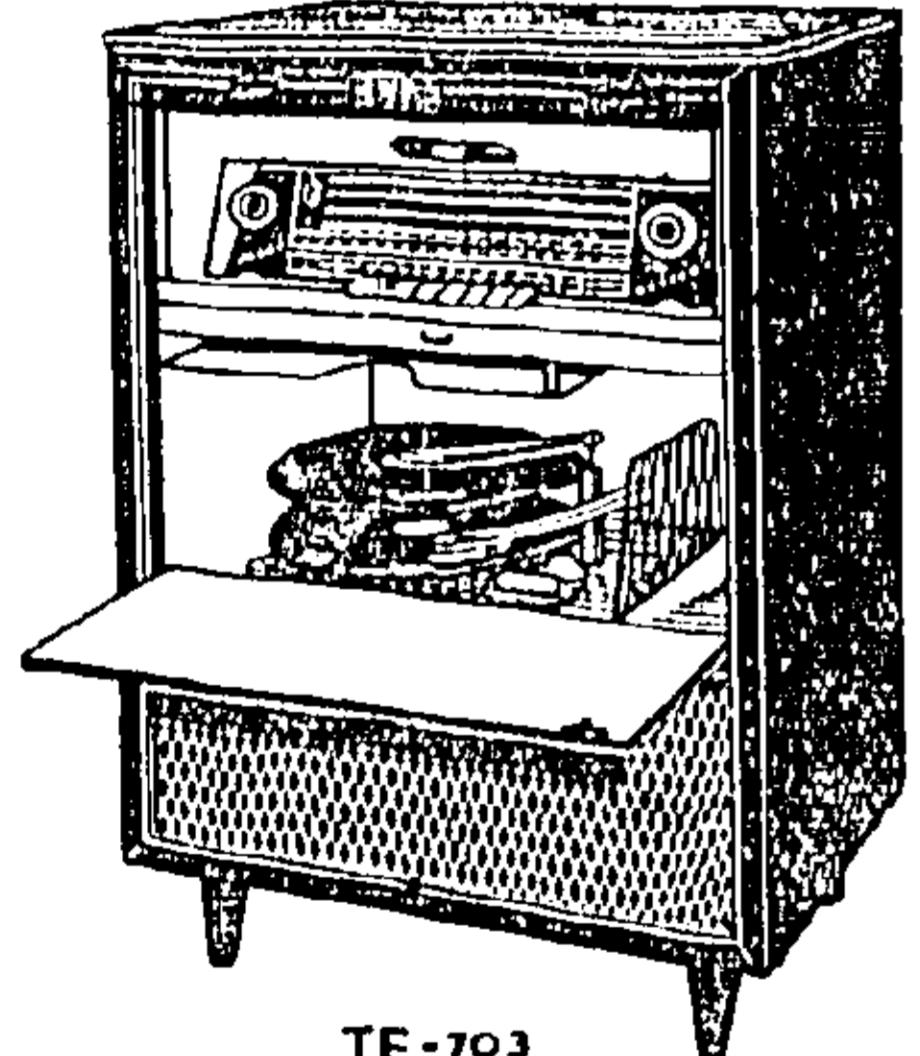
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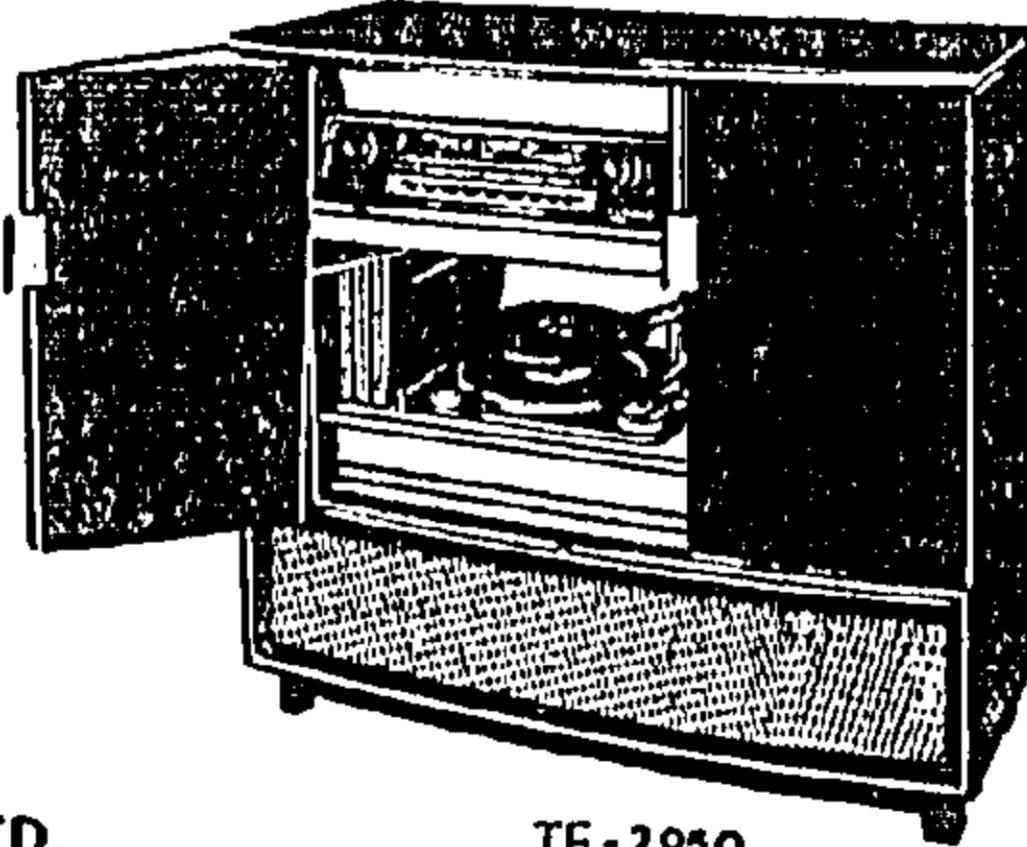
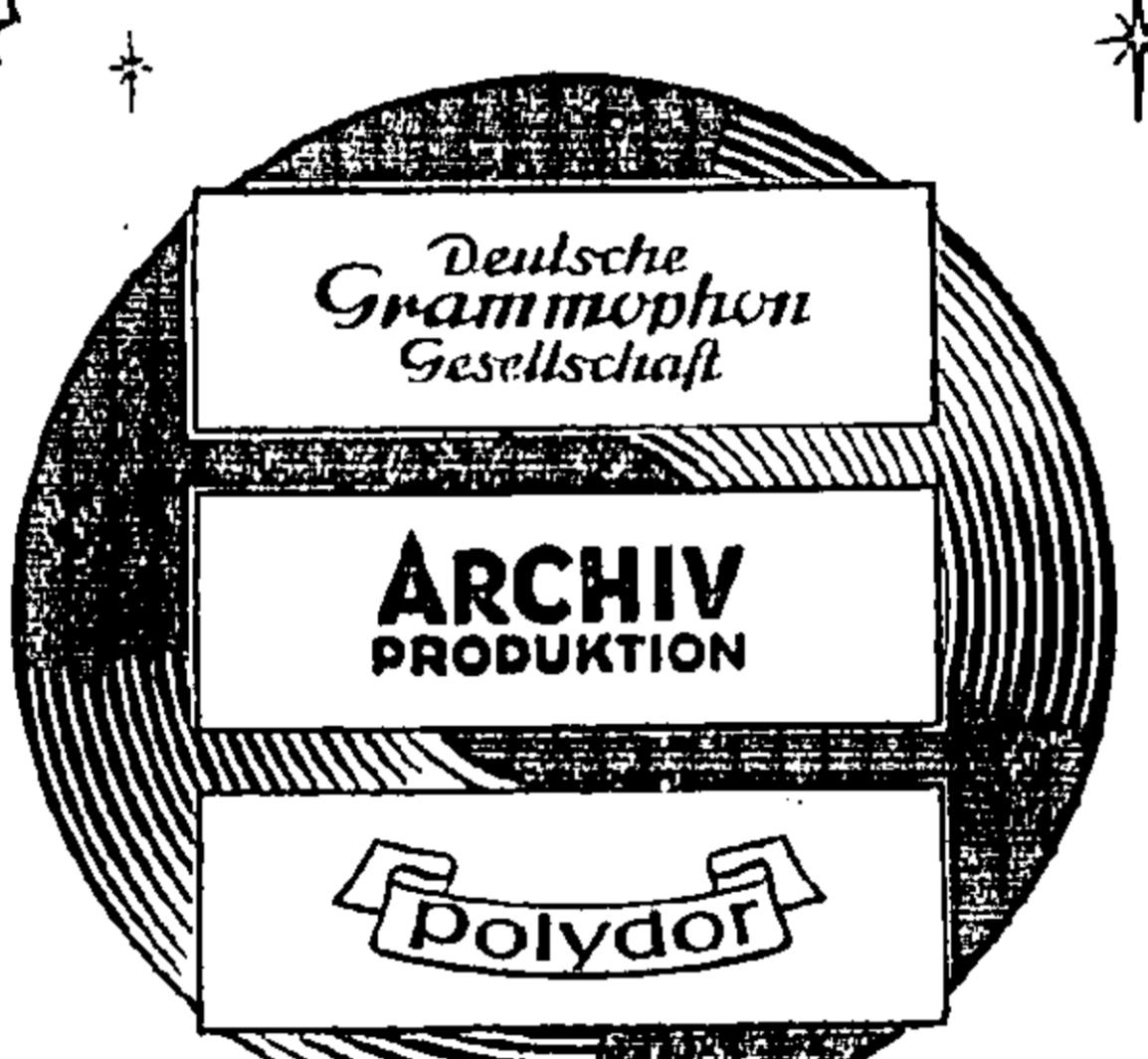
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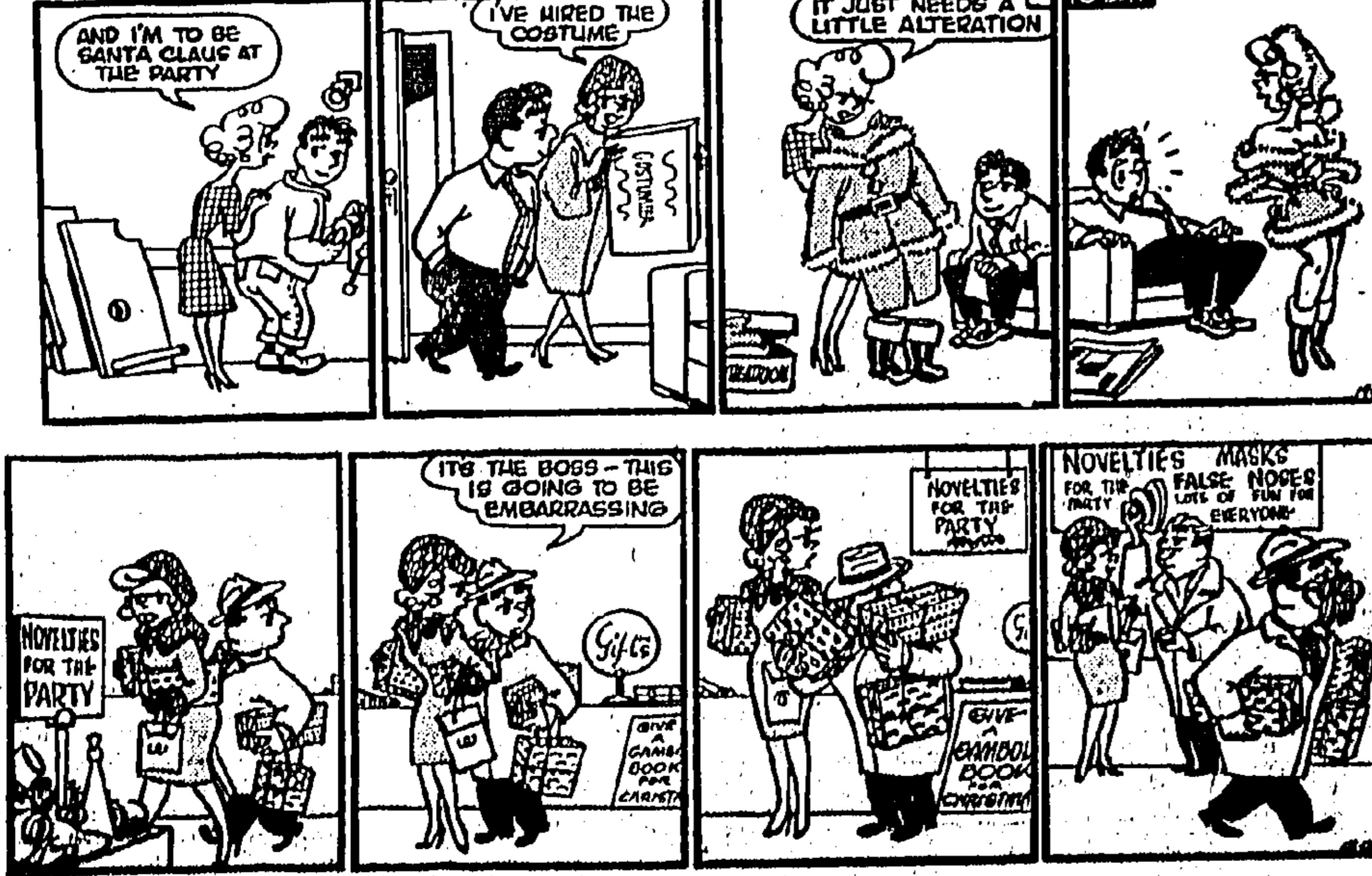
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